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Emperor William says the future of Germany lies on the water. Alas for Spain! Her future must be somewhere else.

Porto Rico manifests an amiable disposition to settle down and become a thriving and creditable suburb to the United States.

If we can't civilize the Philippine islanders we can kill them off in short order. San Francisco has just shipped to Manila six car loads of cigarettes.

The Bulgarians have erected 306 monuments in commemoration of events in the Russo-Turkish war, and are now sending to the Czar an album containing illustrations of all of them.

The Navy Department has directed that all flags and other trophies in the possession of persons in the service here to be sent to Washington. This is a proper order. It is very objectionable to see such things on sale. This will make such a disposition of relics impossible.

We are glad to note that London is finally realizing that she is big enough to know better. The British metropolis is about to adopt our fire department methods, abandoning the old-fashioned equipment in favor of water towers, chemical engines and hook-and-ladder companies. The so-called Anglo-American alliance could not, in time of peace, receive better demonstration at the hands of the English than in the adoption of Yankee devices for the saving of life and property.

The introduction of water meters at Covington, Ky., has had remarkable results. Some eight years ago, when the fixture assessment system was in use, between 4,000,000 and 5,000,000 gallons of water were used daily. At present, when most of the water is metered, and about 12,000 more people are living in the city, only 2,600,000 gallons are needed, and every one has all the water he wants. These figures are given on the authority of Mr. W. H. Glore, Superintendent of the works.

At noon on October 18 Spanish sovereignty in Porto Rico became a memory and American sovereignty a blessed reality, muses the New York Mail and Express. The fourth island of the Antilles makes the transition without regret for what is gone and with confidence in the benefits of what is to come. In the popular demonstrations of joy at the termination of Spanish rule is found an eloquent arraignment of Spain, as well as a pleasing tribute to the reputation of the United States among the downtrodden of the earth. The victims of Castilian barbarism in this tight little island, which is destined to become the gem of the southern sea under its new ownership, have passed from darkness into light. The Puertoriqueno of the morning has become the American of the afternoon, by the furling of the red and yellow emblem of oppression and the flinging of the Stars and Stripes to the breeze.

Hitherto the Government has offered only a partial guarantee for the security of articles sent through the mail as registered matter. If the responsibility for the loss could be fixed and an indemnity be collected, the loser was reimbursed to that amount, but the Postoffice Department had no funds of its own to draw upon for this purpose. By an act of Congress $6000 is now available to pay losses, but the indemnity to be paid on any one piece of registered mail must not exceed $10. Considering the business done, the appropriation of $6000 for a year's losses seems a small sum. But as the percentage of loss is low, and as the yearly appropriation is evidently intended to meet only the losses which might otherwise fall on comparatively poor people, part of the $6000 may be covered into the Treasury at the end of the fiscal year. The total number of registered pieces of mail last year was 14,559,083. Of these only 149 were lost on account of carelessness on the part of postal employes; 197 failed of prompt delivery because of depredations by men employed in the postoffice; 227 losses were due to depredations by outside parties, and 823 pieces were destroyed by fire in postoffices, wrecks of railroad trains, postoffices and steamboats. As many of the postal employes held responsible for registered mail are under bond, it is an easy matter for the Government to recover from them for losses charged against them, and those who do not furnish bonds will as a rule pay for the losses rather than be discharged from the service, which is their only alternative. Of the losses last year recoveries were made amounting to more than seventy-six per cent.

DONS' PROPOSALS REJECTED

President McKinley Cables a Reiteration of Former Instructions.

FINAL ANSWER NOT YET DECIDED UPON.

Instructions Now Point to Acceptance of American Demands—Spaniards Exhausting Every Resource to Gain More Time.

WASHINGTON.—A special meeting of the cabinet was held at 10 o'clock Friday night. The meeting was called by the president in order that his advisers might consider with him advices received from the American peace commissioners at Paris. It is understood they relate to counter proposals informally made to the American commissioners by the representatives on the commission of the Madrid government.

At the conclusion of the meeting Secretary Hay said to a representative of the Associated Press that the president had received some advices from Paris that he desired to lay before the cabinet, and that he had called the members together to consider them.

The nature of the advices Mr. Hay declined to discuss, as he said that was a matter which could not be gone into for publication at this time. He said, however, that after considering the contents of the dispatches, the president cabled the American commissioners, reiterating his former instructions.

It is understood that one point new in the negotiations thus far was raised. It related to a modification of the terms of the proposition submitted to the Spanish commissioners a few days ago, but in just what particular the proposed modification was to be made could not be ascertained. That the proposition was not accepted was made clear by the president in cabling to the American commissioners a reiteration of his former instructions.

The American commissioners will insist that the demands of the United States, as presented to Spain a few days ago, be considered without further modification. That they will be acceded to by the Spanish commissioners is the earnest belief of the members of the cabinet and the president.

Spaniards Still Undecided.

PARIS.—Senor Montero Rios told the correspondent of the Associated Press that the Spanish peace commissioners had not yet decided upon the answer to be given to the last American memorandum.

"We are considering the matter," he said, "in a conciliatory spirit, and are anxious to re-establish friendly relations between the two countries. At the same time we are here to defend the interests and honor of Spain."

In reply to an inquiry as to whether there was any truth in the report that the Spanish commissioners had decided to accept the American offer of $10,000,000 for the Philippines, Senor Montero Rios, shaking his head, said: "No, no, the commission has not yet decided on its answer."

Want Nearly All Spain's Islands.

A special from Washington says There is reason to believe that the administration would be willing to purchase from Spain not only the Philippines and Ualan Islandr, but all of the Carolines and the Peliew group.

GEN. LEONARD WOOD

Sends His Official Report to the War Department.

General Leonard Wood, commanding the department of Santiago, has sent an official report to the war department, of which the following is an extract:

"I have sent rations all along the seacoast and by pack trains into the interior, using every effort to scatter the rations about in such a manner as to enable the people desiring to return to their farms in the interior to do so, with a reasonable assurance that they can obtain food while waiting the development of their first crop. Santiago today is as clean and healthy as any town of its size along the American seacoast south of Fortress Monroe. Excellent order prevails, and there has not been a murder in the city since our occupancy."

A LONG CONFERENCE.

President McKinley and Costa Rica's Chief Executive Closed.

WASHINGTON.—President McKinley had an extended conference with President Iglesias, of Costa Rica Saturday. President Iglesias was accompanied to the White House by Minister Calvo, of Costa Rica, and several of his staff. They were the only ones present at the conference, which lasted two hours, a much longer time than President McKinley usually devotes to a single visitor and was evidently more of a business meeting than a social one.

New Mayor Appointed for Santiago.

Some time ago Major McLeary, whom General Leonard Wood had appointed mayor of Santiago, Cuba, requested to be relieved of his mayoralty duties and to return to his military post. This request has been granted. General Wood appointed Senor Bacardi, an old resident, to succeed him. He is as anxious to give the mayor as much authority as is compatible with military jurisdiction. The new mayor will conform to General Wood's ideas, which are to give the Cubans every opportunity to show themselves capable of self-government.

THE NEWS IN OUR OWN STATE.

ALDRICH WILL CONTEST.

He Will Put Up His Plea As to Dallas County.

Congressman W. F. Aldrich, republican, will contest the seat of Hon. Gaston A. Robbins, democrat, in the Fifty-fifth congress. In an interview Mr. Aldrich said: "I shall contest the election in the Fourth district. Frauds in Dallas county will be the basis. I went to Dallas with a majority of 816. In that county I only received 392 votes, while Robbins is given 2,438. I shall undertake to prove that less votes were counted for me than I received, and that more votes were counted for Robbins than were cast for him. And then I didn't have proper representation at the polls."

Fatal Stabbing Affray.

Robert and Taylor Russell, brothers and prominent and wealthy farmers of Limestone county, became involved in a difficulty at the supper table over the eldest brother's slapping the little child of Robert Russell. From words they came to blows, when Taylor Russell got out his dirk and stabbed his brother several times under the shoulder blade, penetrating and slashing the left lung almost in two. Taylor Russell also received a wound from which he cannot recover.

Large Mortgage Filed.

Perhaps the largest mortgage ever filed in the probate office was recorded at Tuscumbia last week. It was executed by the Northern Alabama railroad, whose line extends from Sheffield to Jasper, to the Knickerbocker Trust company of New York, and attached to the instrument was $849.50 worth of revenue stamps. The mortgage was for $3,000,000, to satisfy the payment of that amount of bonds issued by the Northern Alabama railroad, which mature in 1926.

Body in a Well.

A horrible murder occurred in Uniontown last week. The covering of an old well was found disturbed. Investigation developed the body of Ed Flanagan in a pool of blood on the dry bottom of the well. Further search developed an ax clotted with blood lying near by and a wheelbarrow on which the body was rolled to within a short distance of the well. A man named Wyly was seen the night before with blood stain on his clothes and is now under surveillance.

Miners to Perfect a State Organization.

W. R. Fairley, president of the United Mine Workers of America, district No. 20, Saturday issued a call for a state miners' convention, to be held in Birmingham December 12. The purpose of the convention is to elect officers and to discuss the question of legislation needed for the benefit of miners and mining in Alabama.

New Factories at Ensley City.

It is authoritatively stated that Ensley City, where a $1,000,000 steel plant and a $2,000,000 steel nail, wire and rod mill already are building, has also secured a hoop-iron factory, and a cotton-tie factory also will be located there. Over 200 houses are now being built at the new town.

Result of an Accident.

The coroner's jury in the case of C. M. Lighter, the railroad man who was found dead in his room in Birmingham, with bruises on his face and body, has decided that Lighter's death was an accident, having been caused by him falling on the stairway while he was going to his room in a drunken state.

Man Found Dead.

G. W. Sutler, aged about 35, who has been employed at the cotton mills, Alabama City, for a brief period, was found dead last Friday near the track of the Attalla & Gadsden dummy line. No marks of violence were discovered on his body, but two empty whisky bottles lying near pointed to the cause of death.

Addition to Gin Works.

The contract for building the addition to the Daniel Pratt Gin company's already extensive works at Prattville has been let to a firm in Knoxville, Tenn., and which is to complete the work by the first day of April, 1899. This will make the works about one-fourth larger than they now are.

Troops Leave Huntsville.

The Fifteenth infantry departed from Huntsville for Savannah Friday night. The regiment was composed of 1,340 men, all told, 221 animals, two pack trains and forty cars of equipment. Seven trains were required to haul the command. The remaining six troops of the Eighth cavalry will follow the Fifteenth.

Shipments to Havana.

The Laurel, Miss., lumber mills of Eastman, Gardiner & Co., have begun shipping lumber to Havana for the United States military barracks there. This is part of the 20,000,000 feet order placed by the government.

Broke His Neck With a Cue.

At Birmingham Will Dorse, a rolling mill man, had his neck broken by being struck with a billiard cue by another rolling mill man named Will Reno in a saloon on Eighteenth street. The men quarreled over a game of billiards.

To Honor the President.

Arrangements are being made by the town authorities of Tuskegee to give President McKinley a royal welcome, when he visits the normal school for colored next month.

MARINES LANDED IN CHINA.

Captain Wildes of Cruiser Berlin Sends Detachment Ashore.

REQUEST OF THE CHINESE IS UNHEEDED.

If One of the Powers Attempts a Coup Uncle Sam Will Be in the Game.

No Rioting is Yet Reported.

Will Protect Legation.

WASHINGTON.—The United States navy has landed marines in China. A dispatch was received at the navy department Saturday stating that the captain of the Boston had landed his marine guard at Tien Tsin.

It seems that the marines were landed not because of any information of riots or attacks upon American missionaries, but solely to act as a guard for the United States legation at Pekin.

The Boston was dispatched to the mouth of the Pell Ho river several weeks ago at the instance of the United States minister to provide a guard, as the other powers had adopted the same method, and he did not care to be exceptional, without one. The steamer worked her way up the river to her present position. It is believed at the navy department that marines will be sent forward from that point in launches or small river boats.

Capt. Frank Wildes, the commander of the Boston, who reported the landing to the navy department by cable, did not state how many men were in the guard, but the force is not believed to exceed two dozen men.

The presence of these foreign guards is not welcome to the Chinese government. When the landing was first proposed its representative sought to dissuade the United States government from inflicting this humiliation upon it.

The effect was to cause a suspension of the execution of the purpose, but as has been already stated, most of the European legations have provided themselves with guards, and the Chinese having become reconciled to their presence, no longer object in our case.

Advices that reached the state department do not indicate any immediate outbreak in China. But the reactionary policy of the Empress Dowager has caused a very uneasy feeling, and may afford one or more of the European powers, who have been active in eastern affairs, a pretext for making a coup with results affecting the interests of the United States.

6,000 WORKERS OUT.

Cotton Mill Strikers at Augusta Are Beginning to Yield.

The strike among cotton operatives at Augusta, Ga., now affects 6,000 workers. The new scale which the owners seek to enforce and to which the strikers object is based, so the owners say, on the rate of wages paid in South Carolina and North Carolina. This the strikers deny by claiming that the conditions there and in the Carolinas are different. The mill owners are firm in their determination to enforce the cut and declare the old scale will not be paid again. The strikers are beginning to yield. They recognize their situation and know that they have no weapon to fight with. If this is successful it is believed similar reductions will be made in cotton mills in other parts of the south.

OWES OVER A MILLION.

Failure Involving Cattle Interests of the Southwest.

ABILENE, KAN.—A failure involving cattle interests throughout the southwest was precipitated at Abilene, Kan., Friday when an attachment suit for $40,000 was filed against Grant C. Gillet, of Woodbine, by the Gillespie Commission company, of Kansas City. Gillet controls thousands of cattle on the southwestern ranges and his liabilities are believed to be over a million.

Earthquake Shock.

A very perceptible earthquake shock was felt at Roanoke, Va., Friday afternoon, lasting about thirty seconds. No serious damage was done. Reports from various parts of southwest Virginia show the tremor to have been very general throughout that region.

EVACUATION OF CUBA.

Marshal Blanco is No Longer in Command.

HAVANA, Cuba.—Marshal Blanco, at 10:30 o'clock Saturday morning, formally resigned the office of governor and captain-general of the island of Cuba in favor of Gen. Jiminez Castellanos. The ceremony took place in the throne room of the palace without any further solemnity than the secretary of the government reading the royal decrees on the subject in the presence of the colonial government and Generals Parado, Solano, Ruis and Tejeda.

Preparations for the rapid evacuation of the provinces of Pinar del Rio and Havana are progressing actively.

President Working on His Message.

The president is devoting all of his spare time to the preparation of his message to congress. Minor matters will be considered only briefly, and by far the larger share of the message will be devoted to the great questions which have been raised by the war. Sections of the message have been gone over by the president with the members of the cabinet to whose department they particularly relate, and the indications now are that the message will exceed in length any sent to congress during the last several years.

FIRST AMERICAN CAMP.

Uncle Sam's Troopers Now in Havana—Passports for Blanco's Aides.

HAVANA.—All four companies of the Second regiment volunteer engineers, which arrived off Marianao Beach Friday morning on board the United States transport Florida, landed at the Marianao wharf with colors flying. They formed at the landing place and marched to their camp two miles away, filing past General Greene and his staff, who, on horseback, reviewed the men. One hundred and fifty Cubans of General Menocal's division were employed in clearing the camp site and by noon the tents were being pitched for the first American camp at Havana.

The Spanish evacuation commissioners Friday announced the complete evacuation of the Holguin division. The United States commissioners informed the Spaniards that the following troops were expected about November 30: The Fifteenth Pennsylvania, which will be stationed at Pin del Rio; the Third New Jersey, at Mariel, and the Two Hundred and Second New York at Guanajay, all in the province of Pinar del Rio.

Passports were delivered to the aides-de-camp of General Blanco's staff, who will sail for Spain on the steamer Juan Forgas, December 3. On the same steamer, it is announced, will embark Marshal Blanco, General Solano and his staff and the officials employed at Blanco's headquarters.

MYSTERIOUS DISEASE IN 'FRISCO.

A Chinese Died in Chinatown With Symptoms Resembling the Bubonic Plague.

SAN FRANCISCO.—The board of health has been taking vigorous precautions to prevent the spread of a mysterious disease in Chinatown. A few days ago a Chinese died of a disease which was said to resemble the Bubonic plague. The matter was reported to the board of health, and Chinatown was searched for further cases. None were found. Dr. Roseau, quarantine officer at this port, and who is familiar with the Bubonic plague, has investigated the case, and says that in his opinion it is not the Bubonic plague. Other members of the board, however, were of a different opinion, and, while unwilling to say that there was any serious cause for alarm, insisted that all necessary precautions be taken.

At the health office Saturday it was stated that the suspicious case had turned out to be one of death from nephritis and there are no reasons for believing that the Bubonic plague has not entered the city.

HOBSON GIVES IT UP.

He Found the Wreck of the Maria Teresa Hopeless and Has Returned.

Constructor Hobson arrived in Washington Saturday from Norfolk, and came directly to the navy department. He has just returned from his trip on the Vulcan to Cat island, the scene of the casting away of the Maria Teresa. He brought with him the report of Captain McCalla, who was in charge of the expedition on the Vulcan to endeavor to save the vessel. The report is merely an elaboration of the history of the journey and its results, already contained in the telegraph report to the department, and where it touches upon the present condition of the Teresa it makes the wreck appear even more hopeless than Captain McCalla's telegram. And this statement was strongly reinforced by Constructor Hobson's verbal report to Acting Secretary Allen.

BAGGED BY J. BULL.

The Union Jack Hoisted Over Several Islands.

According to a dispatch from Shanghai to a news agency, published in London Saturday, the British admiral has hoisted the Union Jack over Tilg-Hai, capital of the island of Chusan, and over several other islands in the Chusan archipelago.

President Faure Donned Miner's Clothes.

With a view of avoiding a strike of miners at Lens, in the department of Pas de Calais, President Faure, of France, made a personal visit to the town, where he donned a miner's clothes and descended into the pit. The president conversed with the men and made a brief speech to them, in the course of which he said he desired to bring to the workers proof of the government's solicitude for them. M. Faure received an ovation from the miners.

Shafter and Garcia Meet.

While passing out of the Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York, Friday, Gen. Shafter and Gen. Galixto Garcia met for the first time since the capitulation of Santiago. The generals saluted simultaneously, and then shook hands and conversed pleasantly for several minutes. Each seemed pleased with the meeting.

Snow Storm in New York.

The first severe snow storm of the winter struck New York and vicinity Saturday and increased in violence until it had assumed almost the proportions of a blizzard.

Postal Clerk Arrested.

Postal Clerk Wm. J. Carden, running between Atlanta and Montgomery, was arrested Friday on his arrival at Montgomery, under an indictment by the United States grand jury, charging him with rifling a registered letter. The specific charge was stealing $923 from a registered money order coming to that office, although the inspectors say Carden has stolen $2,270 since 1895. Carden was a prominent applicant for the position of postmaster at Opelika, and is a young man of good family.

WANT PART OF PHILIPPINES

German Press Charge Americans With Excessive Greed.

THE GOVERNMENT WILL NOT INTERFERE

Without Joint Action by the Powers. Quite Antagonistic Towards Control of the Archipelago by the United States.

BERLIN.—The German press this week has busied itself a great deal about the Philippine question and the peace negotiations in Paris, and nearly all the comment has been uncomplimentary to the United States, which is charged with "excessive greed and political indecency in formulating new demands," President McKinley being also accused of "inconsistency" and "lack of backbone," in notwithstanding "the increasing demands of the imperialist party."

A number of the German newspapers have now adopted a strain indicating a desire to obtain a portion of the Spanish Asiatic possessions for Germany.

The Kreuz Zeitung, which has much influence at court and in army circles says:

"Germany is materially interested in the outcome of the peace negotiations, more particularly with respect to the Sulu archipelago, where Germany and Great Britain possess the same kind of commercial privileges, granted to them by Spain in 1887, in which Bremen and Hamburg are largely interested.

"American annexation of this group, besides being a matter of strategetic importance, would mean, in view of America's prohibitive tariff policy, the destruction of both the German and British trade there. In short, an understanding with Great Britain for joint action and intervention is absolutely indispensible. The theory of 'an American sea' cannot be accepted by any of the European nations. Mr. Kasson has, therefore, been indulging in day-dreams."

The Deutsch Zeitung, organ of the pan-German party, says:

"It is particularly painful that with the Caroline Islands, to which will probably be added the rest of the islands, a piece of Spanish goods is disposed of to which he had a historical pre-emption claim."

The Deutsch Zeitung concludes with urging the government to seize the occasion to acquire a portion of the Carolines, or at least secure compensation in Samoa, and also obtain guarantees for the future of Germany's commercial interests in the Philippine and Sulu archipelagos. "Guarantees," it says, spitefully, "which will hold water even against American interpretation."

In spite of the newspaper comment, the correspondent of the Associated Press is informed on good authority that Germany still does not contemplate interference, active or otherwise, with the American claims, at least so long as no concerted action is proposed or carried out, jointly, by the European powers.

IN A FEW DAYS

Order Removing Offices From Civil Service Rules Will Be Issued.

The exact date of the issuance of the civil service order of the president has not been fixed, though the president has asked to have the final departmental recommendations submitted at the earliest moment. The indications are that it will be out in a few days. The president has discussed the general scope of the forthcoming exemption with members of the cabinet and others and there have been several consultations of late among departmental officials. The exemptions, it is now understood, in addition to those already mentioned, will include members of the board of pension appeals, to which appeals from the action of the pension bureau first go; law clerks in the general land office, and among other per diem employes in the offices of surveyor-generals. Some officials in the Indian service are said to be slated for exemption and a few officers in the postal service, including cashiers and others in postoffices for whose duties the postmasters are held personally responsible, will be included.

Heavy Iron Exportations.

A well-known iron man of Birmingham said Saturday that the sale of Alabama iron in large quanties to foreign countries had become so heavy that it was an old tale. Every day Birmingham iron is being forwarded to New Orleans, Mobile, Savannah and other ports for shipment to Europe and Asia, and despite the interruption from the Spanish war during the summer months the total export movement for the year promises to surpass that of last year. During the past few days three large shipments of export iron have been made through New Orleans to Antwerp and Rotterdam.

Load of Sick Soldiers.

United States hospital ship Relief arrived at Old Point Saturday from Porto Rico, bringing its second load of sick soldiers to the new hospital. There were on board 250 patients. Only a few were seriously ill, the majority being convalescents.

To Be Mustered Out.

The Southern transported 2,300 furloughed soldiers of the First and Second Mississippi from various points in Mississippi to Columbia, Tenn., Sunday, where they will be mustered out

RACE RIOT AT ANNISTON.

Without Warning a Mob of Black Soldiers Fired On a Provost Guard.

Members of the Third Alabama, the negro regiment, stationed at Anniston, caused the greatest excitement Thursday night that the town has ever known. Shortly after dark Private Gildhart, of Company B, Second Arkansas, while going towards his regimental camp from town, was shot in the head by a negro soldier, who also stabbed him in the back. A little later a member of the Fourth Kentucky was reported to have been shot on Walnut street by negro soldiers, who lay in a gully shooting at the white men who passed. Firing was heard in Liberia, the negro quarter of the city, and a squad of the provost guard went to investigate.

As it turned the corner of Fifteenth and Pine streets a large crowd of negro soldiers without warning opened fire upon the guards with Springfields, the guns in use in the regiment. The guard returned the fire, but had few cartridges and soon had to retreat. Reinforcements and more ammunition were sent for, but when they arrived the negroes had disappeared. The number of negroes in the mob were variously estimated from fifty to two hundred.

The list of casualties resulting from the rioting is as follows: Dead—Corporal James Capeton, colored, Third Alabama. Dangerously wounded—Corporal Smith, colored, Third Alabama; shot through the abdomen. Private Gildhart, Second Arkansas; stabbed in the back with a knife or bayonet, and severely cut in the head. Slightly wounded—Private Echols, colored, Third Alabama; flesh wound in the left shoulder. Sergeant Frank Dodson, Third Tennessee; right arm shattered. Private J. E. Graham, Third Tennessee; flesh wound in the abdomen. Two negro civilians were shot and will probably die.

STRANGER THAN FICTION.

Minister Attempts Suicide—Given Up for Dead, but Recovers.

Thursday afternoon Rev. J. H. St. Clair went into a beer garden at Decatur and called for a glass of beer. After drinking it he informed a court bailiff standing by that he was tired of life and that he was going to commit suicide. The men in the garden paid no attention to him, as they knew he had been drinking. About an hour afterward St. Clair was noticed sitting behind the stove gurgling and gasping for breath, by his side being a large pill box labeled "morphine." Physicians were hastily summoned, arriving in a half hour, but when they came they pronounced St. Clair's condition beyond help. In about an hour he was apparently dead, his breathing having ceased and body becoming rigid. A sheet was placed over the body and the coroner ordered a coffin from the county undertaker. Now comes the strange part. About 9 at night St. Clair's wife, to whom he had been married just a week, went to the beer garden and had the body removed. While being taken to her house, St. Clair rose from the shutter on which he was stretched and asked what they were doing for him. This frightened the stretcher carriers, who dropped the stretcher and ran. St. Clair got up and walked to the house. St. Clair is a preacher-railroader, hailing from Fulton or Salem, Mo., having been for some time in the employ of the Louisville & Nashville. The doctors are mystified over St. Clair's strange recovery.

Received a Death Sentence.

At Birmingham the case of Frank Cook, colored, charged with murdering Conductor John Blackburn, went to the jury Wednesday afternoon. The verdict read "guilty," and the penalty imposed was death. John Blackburn, the deceased, was killed at Cain Station, Avondale, by being stabbed through the heart while endeavoring to effect the capture of a negro who was found robbing a store.

Advancing on Boru-Mieda.

The Rome correspondent of the London Daily Mail says: "The government is alarmed at the receipt of reports that Emperor Menelik, of Abyssinia, is advancing on Boru-Mieda with 100,000 men, armed with rifles and numerous trains of artillery. It is believed that the objective of the Negus is the Bahr-El-Gazal boundary, and he will attempt to force a definite boundary settlement.

UNION REFORM PARTY

Will Put a Ticket in the Field in Every State.

At a meeting of the union reform party executive committee in Columbus, O., Saturday, steps were taken to form a new national organization. Men from New York, Illinois and Indiana met with the Ohio committee, and decided to hold a national convention next March, at which time arrangements are to be made to put a ticket in the field in every state in the union. The new party is to be a fusion of populists, silver republicans, liberty party and negro protectionists, all free silverites.

Turk Advised Big Massacre.

During the trial at Candia, Crete, of the murderers of the Czangaki family, the deposition of a mussulman was was read. It said at the time of the massacre Edham Pasha, the Turkish commander, assembled the influential mussulmans and invited them to massacre all the Christians found in Candia twenty-four hours after the meeting.

The Talladega oil mill is now running day and night, making 800 gallons of oil every twenty-four hours.

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MANHOOD SUFFRAGE.

In another column will be found an article from The Chronicle upon a constitutional convention. It seems because the Democrats could not control all of the colored vote in this county, that the Chronicle is in favor of disfranchising the negro and the poor white man, because one can't be disfranchised without the other. The educational or property qualification that knocks out the colored voter will also disfranchise the white man in like position. The Chronicle doubtless voices the sentiment of the Democratic party of this county, and perhaps of the whole State, if the voters won't vote the Democratic ticket, they don't want them to vote at all; and when they can't buy nor bulldoze, then if possible, they adopt black belt methods and steal the votes and count them for the Democratic party, at the same time shrieking for white supremacy. By the adoption of such methods as these the Democratic party has lost its influence with the people. The Chronicle says that it has heard white men say that they were willing to be disfranchised in order to disfranchise the negro, such men as that kind ought not to be allowed to vote, they have no appreciation of the elective franchice, and no conception of good government. Whenever any State begins to tamper with the ballot it is treading on dangerous grounds; The Chronicle man don't seem to appreciate the danger ahead. He don't understand what the previlege of voting means, but we hope he will learn ere it is too late.

Who is the editor of The Chronicle? Echo answers back, who?

We are opposed to theives altering or amending the constitution of Alabama.

What we need in this country is the enforcement of law and not disfranchisement.

The Advocate is in favor of universal suffrage, just so long as man is liable to err.

How would the tax payers of the State like to turn their suffrage over to Mr. Gist and his kind?

Ex-Superintendent Dawson, is we suppose, a sample of the Democratic parties idea of intelligence and virtue.

We never deny evety colored vote that our ticket gets. We want them as bad as The Chronicle did in August.

When the Democrats fail to elect their ticket, and stuffing ballot boxes fail to count anything, it is then they want to disfranchise the people.

When the people of Shelby turn their suffrage over to other people they want them to be men of brains and not people that sports sawdust instead.

When people think they are the smartest, it is then that they are the most ignorant. The editor of the little hair-liped mouthpiece is in that condition now.

The Chronicle wants the elective franchise confined to the intelligent and virtuous. By what standard would the Editor of the Chronicle have men measured?

The editor of The Chronicle and his kind will have to pack a little more sawdust in the upper story before the tax payers will turn the government over to them.

T. R. Coleman, Jr., solicitor elect of this circuit, has appointed W. R. Oliver, Esq., of Calera, solicitor for Shelby County. We are very much pleased to learn of this appointment, Mr. Oliver being a very able lawyer and a man not afraid to do his duty. In our opinion Mr. Coleman could not have made a better selection, and we congratulate him for the appointment made and Mr. Oliver as the recipient of this high compliment to his integrity and ability.

WHY WE WANT IT.

Every little, dirty Democratic sheet will soon be howling for a constitutional convention. The Chronicle has already set up a whine for it.—Peoples Advocate.

The above paragraph is about as near an argument as our neighbor ever uses, and it is correct even in that. The Chronicle does not whine for what it wants. It always has a reason for favoring or opposing a proposition, and is always ready to give it.

We want a constitutional convention, because we believe the present organic law needs revision in several particulars, and a convention would be the most effective way of remedying the defects. Upon one point, how ever, we are more especially anxious for a change in the constitution, and we are willing to take it as an amendment if we can not get it through a convention That one point is in regard to suffrage, which, doubtless, The Advocate has reference to in the spasmodic effusion quoted above.

We believe in and favor the restriction of suffrage to the intelligent citizenship of this State. In other words we are in favor of disfranchising the negroes, and an educational qualification is the best way open to accomplish that result. Experience has taught us all that the negro is unfit to dictate, as he does, the nomination and election of officers. He is unfit by reason of his ignorance and dishonesty. He is always for sale to the highest bidder, and so long as he has the right to vote so long will politics be corrupt, for just so long will all parties in the South bid for his vote. Wherever he holds the balance of power a majority of the white people are apt to be overridden, and the man with the most money will be the strongest man. The more ignorant he is the more easily he is beught, and the less fit he is to hold the right of influencing the affair of state by the corrupt use of his power.

The only answer ever offered to this proposition is that an educational qualification would disfranchise some white men as well. This is not necessarily true, but if it were, most white men who have the good of the country at heart would be willing to lose their votes if it would insure the disfranchisement of his worst political enemy. We have heard several such men give expression to this idea.

This is our position, and these are the reasons for the faith that is in us. If The Advocate has any good reason for defending the right of the negro to vote let it present its reasons instead of calling papers names that are willing for their opinions to be known. If The Advocate has an answer to our proposition, let it come out and give it. If it desires to see the negro hold the balance of power in politics let it say so; if it is afraid to risk its political principles and its candidates with the white peoples of this county let it say so. If it prefers to let the negroes dictate the nomination and election of candidates for county and district offices, it may work to that end; we are not willing to have it done. We are conscious of having the approval of the best people of Shelby County in our position, even among the Populists.

The petty spite and venon of The Advocate, together with its failure to give any reasons for its assertions, only adds strength to our position, and we are quite contest to let it continue to abuse the good people of Shelby County over our shoulders. In the August and November elections a majority of the white vote cast was in hearty accord with our views, and the great number of white Populists who stayed at home gave a silent approval in their failure to endorse fusion. We are cotent to give expression to the views of these men, regardless of what The Advocate may say. What it says is all—it never thinks.—Chronicle.

In the last State campaign we charged The Chronicle of being in favor of an educational qualification for voting and it emphatically denied it. Now hear it. The editor of that sheet knew at the time that he was trying to mislead the people. He wanted votes.

The Chronicle is howling for white supremacy, and says Robbins got a majority of the white votes in the district, this we deny. Take the negro votes that was stolen in Dallas County and Robbins got a large majority of colored votes. Of course Aldrich would have gotten them if they had been counted as cast.

WHY WE DON'T WANT IT.

Just as The Advocate predicted, that The Chronicle would come out squarely for a constitutional convention. Now it has put up a regular howl for it. It thinks now that it will not need the negro vote in the next election, it will have them with a great many white men disfranchised by that time. We have no defense to put, only the constitution of the United States. We would like to see some of the men that The Chronicle says would be willing to be disfranchised in order that the negro might be debared the right to vote. It cannot name a single one unless it be a tool in the hands of the Democrats. What! turn our governmental management over to such men as the editor of The Chronicle, a man that his name does not appear on the tax books of the county. Let him and his kind do the voting and say who must hold the offices, and you men that pay the taxes of the State and County by the sweat of the brow must take a back seat and let Mr. Gist and his crowd run it. Many of these same men that would be debarad the right to vote are men that fought in the last war between the States on bread and water, and half clothed and suffered death a thousand times, and were knocked out of an education fighting for hot-headed men like the editor of The Chronicle. Is it possible that a few upstarts like our wise editor has lost respect for our old soldiers. While we believe the war was unjust, at the same time we will never be willing to disfranchise the old soldiers nor anybody else that the constitution guarantees the right to. Our forefathers were as smart as the editor of The Chronicle, though he will have to be seen to be appreciated.

Shelby County is a grand old county. But when the old landmarks have striven to make it what it is, men that have toiled to pay the taxes for the upbuilding of the county and her resources, and have always felt that her interest was theirs, must now take a back seat and not be allowed a vote in the future. But stand still and let a few mutton heads whose names do not appear on the tax books, vote for and elect all officers and vote these same men in debt, and when the tax collector comes around they must waltz up and pay their tax, and like a sheep, led to the alter and cannot help themselves. The Advocate is in favor of every man having the privilege of casting one vote and have that vote counted as cast.

Low living and high thinking will produce better men than high living and low thinking.

Drugs

Must be pure in order to produce the effect that your physician desires when he writes your prescription.

It must also be compounded by a competent prescriptionist.

DON'T TAKE THE CHANCES.

BRING IT HERE.

We are now opening up a new drug store with a full and complete stock of pure drugs and chemicals, and everything else usually kept in a first-class drug store-

Nothing in our stock is second-hand but all our drugs,etc.,are direct from the laboratory, and are the best to be had anywhere.

We expect some people to say harsh things about us and endeavor to damage us, but remember this is the manifestation of jealousy they bear us, and it hurts.

Be not deceived. It is just as easy to get pure drugs as it is to get drugs that are impure. The strength of a drug will deteoriate by long exposure to light, air, moisture and thermal changes, and the drug become absolutely worthless. The same is true of patent medicines, salts, barks, roots, etc. Even man becomes worthless, so far as strength is concerned, in old age.

We want your trade and will save you money, offering you nothing but new and first-class goods.

Besides drugs, we keep a full line of perfumery, combs, hair brushes, nail brushes, clothes brushes, pens, pencils, tablets, fine stationery, envelopes, inks, mucelage, syringes, cigars, chercots, tobacco, in fact we can't mention all the differet articles you can find here.

SEE THAT YOUR PRESCRIPTIONS ARE DIRECTED TO BE FILLED HERE.

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COLUMBIANA, ALA.

LOWER PRICES, TRUER BARGAINS.

CONTINUALLY striving to still further promote the interest of our Patrons, we now offer the opportunity of the season.

WE HAVE JUST purchased the entire stock of J. H. PAGE & SON, consisting of Ladies', Men's and Children's fine Shoes, Dry Goods, Notions and Groceries, which we are selling at ACTUAL COST.

SO DONT MISS to secure some of these bargains, as such will not last forever.

Read these prices and be convinced:

Good cotton checks, per yard	3½
10 balls of thread for	5
30 yards soft finish Bleaching for	$1.00
25 yards, yard wide Sea Island for	1.00
5000 yards short-length Calicoes, per yard	3
2 cases Turkey Red and English Gray, and Fancy Dress Calicoes, 10 yards for	35
Fancy Dress Outing Flannels at	5
Hickory or Cheviot Shirtings at	5
Brown Drill Canton Flannel at	5
10-4 Brown Shirtings at	12½
All-Wool Filling, double-width, Twilled Cashemeres, or Fancy Figured, per yard	10
Ladies' Hose, per pair	5
Childrens' Hose, all sizes, per pair	5
Ladies' Embroideried Handkerchiefs	5
1 Box Linen Writing Paper and Envelopes	5
2 spools Machine Thread	5
60-inch wide Turkey Red Table Cloth, at	25
Ladies' Corsets, all sizes, at	25
Ladies' double Capes, Collars and Upper Capes, trimmed with Santache fur, at	35
Heavy Melton Capes, trimmed with braid and fur	50
Ladies' Buckclay Black capes	2.00
Ladies' Silk Plush Capes	1.75
Ladies' shoes, Lace or Button, Dongola or Calfskin, bought in a job, sizes 3 to 5, worth from $1.00 to $1.75, your choice at	65

Mens' Imported Black Worsted Suits, worth $10.00 at	$5.50
Mens' heavy half-wool Suits	2.35
Fancy Clay Worsted Suits	3.75
Heavy Wool Overcoats	2.00
All-Wool Pants	1.00
Heavy Buckskin Working shirts	25
Fancy Laundried Overshirts, collars and cuffs attached	25
White Unlaundried Shirts, linen bosom	25
Heavy quality Undershirts	12½
Extra heavy leather trimmed Suspenders	10
Wool hats, real 50-cent quality	25
We have on hand 100 mens' and boys' single Vests, to close at	15
125 heavy half-wool boys knee suits in dark patterns, sizes 4 to 12	50
Childrens' undershirts and drawers, per suit	25
We have the best line of childrens' school shoes from 50 cents up	
GROCERIES.	
Good green Coffee, per pound	8
Lions or Leverings Roasted coffee, per pound	10
Y. C. Sugar, 20 pounds for	1.00
Soda, in pound packages, 6 for	25
25 cent bars of soap for	5
Our Big-Deal soap, 1¾ pound bars	5
Good Chewing Tobacco, per pound	8

On Flour, Meat and other heavy groceries we will give you the lowest market prices. We also handle a good line of furniture, bedroom suits, tinware and crockery and the O. K. cooking stoves, which are the best FOR DURABILITY.

We buy cotton and all marketable produce at highest prices.

We ask for your trade on the strength by the irresistable force of our bargains. We feel justified that no buyer who means business can leave our store unsuited or unsatisfied. We only want an opportunity to show our goods, to put them into your hands, that you may prove the correctness of all we claim for our styles, qualities and values.

To each purchaser we will give a ticket which will entitle the holder to one share in a barrel of full patent flour to be given away by us on the 1st and 15th of each month.

Don't be misled, but call and see just what this offer means. You cannot offord to pass it. Hoping to see you soon, we are, yours respectfully.

COLUMBIANA MERCANTILE COMPANY.

Administrator's Notice.

Estate of J. S. Dyke, deceased. } Probate Court.

Letters of Administration on the Estate of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 9 day of November, 1898, by the Hon. A. P. Longshore Judge of the Probate Court of Shelby County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate, are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law, or the same will be barred.

J. R. DYKE,
Administrator of the Estate of J. S. Dyke, deceased.

Estray Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the following described animal was taken up by Van Cross on his premises on or about Nov. 5th, 1898, to-wit: One bay horse, about 12 years old, holds head high, two teeth gone from upper jaw, about 16½ hands high, a small scar on point of left shoulder, and one near top of the right shoulder, left fore foot has a large scar on inner side of leg passing from toe of hoof on innef side up and around under paster joint to outerside of foot, also a scar on outside of same joint, a little hog-backed with a few white hairs on right hip, and scar around under right paster joint, weight about 950 pounds, appraised at $25.00. Proceedings had before J. M. Farley, J. P., Bridgeton, Alabama.

A. P. LONGSHORE,
Judge of Probate.

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Non-Resident Notice.

The State of Alabama, Shelby Co.

Betsy A. Castleberry vs. Willie Castleberry.

In Chancery, Sixth District, North-Eastern Chancery Division.

In this cause, it is made to appear to the Register by the affidavit of J. L. Peters, that the defendant Willie Castleberry is a Non-Resident of the State of Alabama, and that his place of residence is unknown.

It is therefore ordered, by the Register, that publication be made in the Peoples Advocate, a newspaper published in the City of Columbiana, Ala. once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring him, the said Willie Castleberry to plead, answer or demur to the bill of complaint in this cause by the 19th day of December, A. D. 1898, or in thirty days thereafter, a decree pro confesso may be taken against him.

Done at office, in Columbiana, Ala., this 10th day of November, A. D. 1898.

J. R. WHITE,
Register.

Tax Collector's Notice.

I will attend at the following times and places for the purpose of collecting the State, County and Poll taxes for the year 1898:

SECOND ROUND.

Dunnavant, beat 18, Thursday, December 1

Vandiver, beat 14, Friday, December 2.

Vincent, beat 16, Saturday, December 3.

Creswell, beat 10, Monday, December 5.

Harpersville, beat 10, Tuesday, December 6.

Wilsonville, beat 9, Wednesday, December 7.

Columbiana, beat 1, Thursday, December 8.

Spring Creek, beat 2, Friday, December 9.

Shelby Iron Works, beat 1, Saturday, December 10.

Will be in Columbiana from December 19 to last of December, excepting the 25th. On all taxes not paid by January 1, 8 per cent interest and collector's fee will be charged. Poll taxes are delinquent after December 1.

JOHN H. ROBERTSON,
Tax Collector Shelby County.

DO YOU WEAR TEETH?

A queer way of attracting your attention, but we want it. We are kept busy making other people teeth, but will make yours also.

Have you teeth to fill?

Then don't wait until they ache, thereby saving much pain and expense. It pays to have teeth filled.

Do you have indigestion?

Stop taking medicine to cure this trouble until you have removed the cause. Have your teeth put in good condition and it will do you more good than all the medicine about which anything is known. Then your food will be assimilated, your blood made richer and purer, and you will feel like a new person.

Do you appreciate good dentistry?

If you do we want to serve you. We have served hundreds of others successfully and will serve you to the very best of our ability. Our prices are the same to all and are as reasonable as is consistent with good work.

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We lead, others try to follow!

We keep a full and complete line of Drugs, Chemicals, Toilet Articles, Staple Drugs, Paints, Oils—in fact everything usually kept in a FIRST-CLASS DRUG STORE. If we haven't got exactly what you want we make it a point to get it for you.

OUR PRICES

are regular eye-openers, and are made with a view of catching your trade, and when once you become a customer of ours you will always be a customer if honest goods and fair prices count anything with you.

OUR PRESCRIPTION DEPARTMENT

is complete in every particular. Prescriptions carefully filled day or night. Only the purest drugs that can be had are used, and the utmost care and precision are exercised in compounding.

HALL DRUG COMPANY,

Columbiana, - Ala.

THE-:-PEOPLE S-:-ADVOCATE

SOCIAL AND LOCAL NEWS.

Points About People You Know and Some You Don't Know. News From Different Beats.

See legal notices in another column.

Will Page made a trip to Calera Saturday.

J. S. Leeper, Jr., made a trip to Calera Monday.

Jim Sammons is now clerking for J. H. Hammond.

Epsom Salts 8 cts per lb, at Columbiana Drug Co.

N. A. Graham, of Calera, was in the city this week.

R. W. Cobb, of Woodlawn, was in the city Tuesday.

W. P. Lovett, of Spring Creek, was in town Tuesday.

J. W. Millstead, of Wilsonville, was in the city Tuesday.

Mr. Stein, of Calera, was here for a short while Monday.

G. W. Nivens, of beat 9, was in the city several days this week.

22 pounds good sugar for $1.00.
J. H. Hammond.

Miss Edna Chapman visited relatives near Montevallo this week.

Sheriff Vest made a business trip to Birmingham last Saturday.

J. T. Barnett has moved into the house just vacated by W. L. Davis.

Go to J. H. Hammond and see the line of China and Celluloid goods.

Mrs. J. B. Elliott and grand son Luther, are visiting relatives in Birmingham.

Mrs. R. E. Black and children, of Birmingham, visited relatives in the city last week.

Miss Belle Huyett returned Monday from a visit to friends in Childersburg and Sylacauga.

County court convened Monday with a goodly attendance, Judge A. P. Longshore presiding.

An old dress made new. Diamond Dyes. All colors 9 cts per package at Columbiana Drug Co.

Christmas goods now open and on sale, cheap for cash, at
J. H. Hammond's.

A nickle saved is a nickle made. Make money by buying your drugs, etc, from the Columbiana Drug Co.

John Stricklin has been elected Marshall of Childersburg, and moved there with his family yesterday.

Miss Pearl Hendricks who has been visiting relatives in the city, returned to her home at Renfroe Tuesday.

See change of advertisement of the Columbiana Mercantile Co.. in this issue. Don't fail to call on them for bargains.

J. H. Page & Son have sold out their entire stock of goods to the Columbiana Mercantile Co. They are now out of business.

Remember the supper at the residence of Mrs. L. C. Armstrong Friday night. Oysters served extra at 25 cents per dozen.

Who will bring us a turkey for Christmas for a years subscription? Don't all speak at once, but bring in the turkey at once.

Rev. S. N. Burns and I. D. Mason returned from Conference at Huntsville Tuesday. Mr. Burns has been re-assigned to this circuit.

The Columbiana Mercantile Co., have bought out the entire stock of J. H. Page & Son. This firm is always "wide open" for business and their prices will suit you.

The Thanksgiving entertainment given by Mrs. S. N. Burns at the school house last Thursday night for the benefit of missions, was quite an enjoyable affair and netted a neat sum for this cause.

We are agents in this district for the New Royal sewing machine, the best on the market, with all new improvements, which we will sell for cash or on easy payments.
Columbiana Mercantile Co.

Please don't forget the supper Friday night, Dec. 2nd, at Mrs. Armstrong's, which is given for the benefit of the Baptist church. We need help to finish painting the church. Everybody is cordially invited to attend. Oysters served extra.

There was a quiet wedding at the home of Judge B. L. Moore last Sunday evening, the contracting parties being Mr. Wiley Horton and Miss Mattie Winslet. The Judge officiating in his usually happy way. They have the best wishes of The Advocate

The stock of drugs and drug sundries of the Columbiana Drug Co., commenced to arrive last Saturday, and this new firm is getting settled down in their new quarters. They are hustlers for business, and theirs being an entirely new stock, you may depend on getting absolutely pure and fresh drugs. Tinctures cannot be made pure by using old fluid extracts, and they appreciate this fact. Read their advertisement in this issue.

MONTEVALLO.

A Boiler Explosion at Session's Mill Kills Young Sessions.

Montevallo, Nov. 26—A special to the Montgomery Advertiser says: A fatal boiler explosion occurred yesterday afternoon at Session's mill, about 3½ miles east of this place, the plant comprising a saw mill, grist mill and gin. The crown sheet of the boiler was known to be out of order, but on account of much business the repairing was deferred till Monday. At the time of the explosion Mr. James Sessions, son of the proprietor, I. W. Sessions, was firing the boiler. His hip was broken as was his thigh, in two places. He was cut on the head and terribly scalded externally and internally by inhaling the steam. These latter injuries caused his death about 11 o'clock last night. The boiler was blown about two hundred yards. The engine and saw mill were demolished. Happily no one besides James Sessions was injured.

The deceased was a brother-in-law of our townsman, E. W. Chapman, who went down Saturday afternoon to be at the funeral. We learn from him that two other persons, whose names were not given, were slightly injured. We regret exceedingly to hear of this accident, and our sympathizes go out to those who are left to mourn their loss.

Notice of Partnership.

The undersigned have this day entered into a co-partnership for the purpose of conducting a drug business under the firm name of Columbiana Drug Co. We solicted a share of your patronage and trust to merit same by offering you nothing but absolutely pure drugs and efficient service.
W. A. Lovett, D. D. S.
J. S. Leeper, Jr.

Notice to Subscribers.

Parties indebted to The Advocate will please call at my office and settle, and especially those I have been carrying from year to year. It takes money to run a paper, and the printer has got to have something to eat.

Roasted coffee, 10 pounds for $1.00 at
J. H. Hammond's.

W. L. Davis has moved his family to Gadsden, where he intends running a dairy.

Mrs. W. G. Parker returned Tuesday from a visit to relatives in Anniston.

Judge John A. Campbell, of Calera, was in the city yesterday.

Mrs. J. W. Dykes visited relatives at Wilsonville this week.

Redlawn News.

Rev. T. V. Neal preached at Fourmile Sunday.

W. T. Taylor went to Columbiana Monday on business.

Mr. Hardy, of Chilton county, was in our town Monday.

W. B. Crumpton spent Sunday on Yellow Leaf.

J. W. Spearman was the guest of Miss Eva Farr Sunday.

Misses Alice and Anna Miner spent Saturday night with Miss Willie Elliott.

W. J. Miner was the guest of Miss Alma Jackson Sunday.

H. T. Taylor went to Lewis Sunday.

J. M. and W. S. Taylor went to Columbiana Monday on business.

W. A. Walton was in our community Sunday.

A. Crowson was the guest of Miss Jennie Hardy Sunday.

E. B. Teague went to Harpersville Sunday.

Miss Eva Farr who has charge of the school at Center Hill, spent Sunday with home folks.

The entertainment at Mr. Blackerby's Saturday night was a success.

From the way "McKinley" judges he is a poor judge. Looks like so smart a fellow as he is, could judge better.

Ned.

Weldon.

Health good.

Charlie Adams spent one night last week with his brother at Alpine.

J. A. Coward went to Harpersville on business last week.

M. L. Sharbutt and J. D. Morrow spent Sunday with G. T. Coward.

Bill Spearman spent Sunday evening with his best girl.

V. R. Coward spent Saturday night and Sunday with Walter Baldwin.

Cotton picking is about over and farmers are gathering corn.

There will be an entertainment at Miss Ida Coward's next Friday night. All are invited.

J. E. Adams made a business trip to Vandiver last week.

The singing at R. S. Gills Saturday night was a success Quite a crowd of young folks were present.

Wild Bill.

Saginaw Dots.

Miss Mary Smithers is on the sick list this week.

Clay Hale, of Corinth, visited home folks Saturday and Sunday.

J. Carter, of Siluria, was seen in town Sunday.

C. E. Hale visited relatives at Dogwood Sunday.

Mr. Satherwhite says he will aid in organizing a Sunday school at Longview.

Rev. Carter, of East Lake, filled his regular appointment here and at Longview Sunday.

Walter Wilson and Frank Pardue, accompanied by Mr. Fancher, all of Brierfield High School, visited home folks Sunday.

Mack Piper who has been very sick for some time, is now improving.

Dr. Smith, of Pelham, anticipates moving to our town soon, as the carpenters have about finished his house.

Mr. Wilson, of Clanton, who was deputised by Sheriff Gooly of Chilton county, carried off some negroes from here Thursday as witnesses in the Duke murder case.

Albert Johnson was shot and instantly killed by Tom Jones Saturday at 9 p. m. Both negroes were employees of Saginaw Lumber Co.

Miss Annie Clisby, one of the officient educators of the State, is progressing very nicely with her school at this place. She has a number of bright and promising young pupils, who seem to already appreciate the golden opportunity which is now being presented to them.

John Patton, of Jemison, has recently opened up a new stock of goods at Ganadarque. Call and see them.

Lex.

Locust Creek.

Health good.

Plenty of cotton to pick yet

Some of the farmers have been sowing wheat. Let every farmer sow more grain than usual.

James Fulmer went to Talladega last week on business.

Dr. T. G Nelson bought E. Wheats place last week.

Married, at the residence of the bride's father, Miss Della Carter to Mr. Jettie Harris of Vincent. We wish them much success in life.

John Gardner, of Muddy Prong, was the guest of Miss Elma Moss Sunday.

Say boys, where did you hide the bottle at the entertainment last week?

Oh! Mr. M. did that girl go off and leave you that night?

R. N. Moss and James Fulmer went West dear hunting Sunday.

Miss Minnie Milinder, of Yellow Leaf, was visiting relatives here last week. Come again Miss Minnie, you will always find a hearty welcome.

Normon.

Corinth Hob-Nobs.

Health good.

G. Nabors attended preaching at Summer Hill Sunday.

The farmers are about through gathering, but have some grain to sow yet.

Warren Lee, of Dogwood, spent Sunday night in the community on his way to Columbiana.

Game Nabors transacted business in Columbiana last Friday.

Now that Corinth affords a literary school, why can't it afford a Sunday school? We respond in the affirmative. Why? Because it has some as good people, and they can do as much as any other people of any other place if they will try. So your voices are solicited.

Best wishes to the Advocate.

Max.

Spring Creek.

Health good.

Local news scarce.

Robert Owen, of the Kingdom, passed through our community last Friday.

Corn is selling in Shelby at 40 cents per bushel.

The ore raising work by Mr. Finch on Mrs. Seal's land near Shelby, seems at this time to be on a standstill.

Clarence Bates, of Shelby, has recently accepted a job of delivering wood and pine by the car load to the Montgomery fuel market.

We learn that Jack Corban, col., living near Shelby, on last Saturday night emptied the contents of his shot gun in his wife's shoulder. He says it was by accident. I don't know the particulars as yet.

Peark.

FALL OPPORTUNITIES.

Now is the Time to Test the Value of Our Experience in Buying and Selling Goods. It is Extensive and Thorough.

We have told you that we can be of great use to you. We are waiting for the opportunity to prove it. Never before have we been so thoroughly in command of the lowest possible prices. The hard times have had something to do with it, but our accumulated experience has done more. Our rapid increase in business has rendered in necessary for us to make larger purchases than ever before for the Fall and Winter Trade. Our prices are so low that no merchant dare claim to meet them.

Items of Interest Concerning Our New Stock:

5 cent, good quality bleaching a yard, 3 cents.
8 cent, best yard-wide bleaching, a yard, 4 cents.
6 cent, yard wide, extra heavy domestic, 4 cents.
5 cent, best cotton checks, now 3 cents.
8 cent, Southern Saten, dress plads, beautiful designs, now only 5c.
8 cent, heavy brown drilling, now 5 cents.
Childrens handkerchiefs, fast colors, 1 cent.
Ladies' hemstitched handkerchiefs, all colors, 3 cents.
Gents' bordered handkerchiefs, many designs, 4 cents.
$1.50 ladies glove grain shoes, button or lace, all sizes, now 99 cents.
$2.50, good quality, boys overcoats, with detachable capes just for your boys, now 99 cents.
$5.00 youth's ffne overcoats, with velvet collaas, all wool, the best value, $2.50
$4.00 men's suit, well made, now $1.90
$1.50, all wool, men's pants, very good for the price, 90 cents.
50 cent, boys fine knetted overshirts, all colors, 25 cents.
Men's heavy working overshirts 25 cents.
"Stainley," the well known $1, Negligee shirt, 47 cents.
10 cents men's good seamless hose, now 5 cents.
25 cent ladies' imported hose, fast black, full seamless 10 cents.
$1.50, the best 10 4 blanket you ever saw, for 70 cents.
1000 yards of short length sateens, all colors, 10 and 15 cent goods, now at 5 cents.
Fine men's suspenders, regular price 25 cents, now 10 cents.
25 cent, solid brown all wool flannel, now 12 cents.
Pure silk ribbon, lovely colors, 10, 15 and 20 cent goods, now 3 cents.
1 box, 30 balls sewing thread, No. 1, for 15 cents.
Good thread, white and black, 200 yards on a spool, 2 cents.
Balls of calico, about 50 yards, for 90 cents.
Bundles of ducking, 50 yards, for 90 cents.
A big lot of short length Sateens, Organdies and Silkolines, 10 and 15 cent goods, a yard wide, now at 3 cents.
A sample lot of Capes, sixty different styles, from 35 cents to $2.00.
35 cent, Ladies' black hose, all wool, full seamless, 15 cents.
25 cent, Windser ties, pure silk, artistic patterns 36 inches long, for 10 cents.
25 cent, Black Brocaded Silk scraps 10 cents.
All wool breadfast shawls, 10 cents.

Only space forbids us a detail account of the Boy's and Men's clothing, and tremendous line of Boy's, Missess, Ladies and Men's shoes. While we cannot describe or enumerate our variety of elegant assortments, we are very glad to show them to our visitors.

Come and look at our new magnificent stock. You will find reliable goods at unparalleled values. You will find friendship, as we esteem every visit from you a personal favor. We are building business on the Great aud strong Power of Low Prices.

Money spent with us gets more genuine value, goes farther, lasts longer, gets more style, more quality and does more actually good service than it is even possible so to get elsewhere.

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Lewis Blows.

Health very good.

Rain in abundance and the farmers are not done gathering.

W. S. Taylor went to Columbiana Monday as a witness in the Porter case.

J. W. Powell visited friends at Vincent Saturday and Sunday.

T. J. Stone went to Harpersville Sunday to see his best girl.

George is giving the widow a great deal of trouble.

Miss Louella Lyon has charge of the Fourmile school and is progressing nicely.

S. B. Strickland is going to move soon. We are sorry to lose such a good neighbor and friend.

H. E. Watters has moved back to his former home in Talladega county. We regret very much to give Henry up.

Well as it has been some time since I wrote for The Advocate I will say no more, and will bid you all adieu for a few weeks, but I hope all of your correspondents will send in their communications every week, for I read The Advocate and like to read them. So good-by.

Sager.

Answer to Gist.

Editor Advocate.—Please give me space in your valuable paper to answer the great editor in the Sunday's Chronicle of the 13th inst. Well I say Sunday, the paper come to Wilsonville on Sunday so I have been informed by a Democrat, and you know a Democrat never misrepresents anything. It might have been published a week for all that I know.

The intelligence says a great many things that he is not responsible for. As in my judgement he is now ready to go to the asylum. There is no doubt but that Gist is crazy or he is a low-down scroundrel, one of the two. Now let me say just there, Gist says that X. X. is an idiot, and again that he ought to have the spleen in his heel fixed. Now if not heel back then. Yes I will admit that I am not as sensible as I should be in regard to the interest I and every Populist should take in the election to thwart the Democrats undermining schemes and plans, but that little gizzard-billed sweennied rosoined head Chairman of Robbins and Cleveland strife do not nave to judge me at all. He sent his address to me and my father and many others in this beat, like Robbins himself, begging for our support, then if we do not vote for the thieving gang we are idiots, hayseeders and all the vile names that they can think of, and like a rattle snake, striking at everything that comes in reach. I ask Gist this question, if X. X. is an idiot, why was he trying to get me to agree with him in that negro, Robbins and Gist combination address to the people?

You want the people to vote for your Dallas County man that works such large majorities over the people, then you are ready to jump on them. Some few Populist may vote for such men, but I will never do it. I am as white as the white-haired fictitious Chairman. I want the scroundrel that called me an idiot to call me that when I see him again. And as to the vote in our beat, there was no Populist that supported Robbins that I know of, and you fine-haired, chuckle head, green goarded scroundrel if you think that I have no influence in this beat come up and see me and I will learn you something if you have any sense left after Robbins takes the back seat, which he will do and Gist with him.

I will suggest that Gist take a dose of starch and let Robbins iron him out and then he can hold his head up, if he don't do this he will have to pad his chin as he will make a hole through his breast, and then, oh! then.

Let me ask how much influence has he and his paper over the people in this district? I heard a Democrat ask a man when did my friend Gist become a party leader and how did he manage to get head quarters established at Columbiana? Said he, I have asked my Democratic friends this question and none seems to know. This man that I speak of is a man of honor and the people as a whole like him regardless of politics, this man stands as high in the State as any man. Still he don't know when Mr. Gist become a party leader. Influence idiot, spleen Gist had better get his wheels fixed, he made such a hard fight for Robbins that he lost some of his wheels and broke some, now he is at headquarters for repair, but no shop has the material and tools to repair such a wreck as Gist and Robbins but Dallas. They can make new life in dead decayed bodies and change men to dogs then back to men. If Gist is one of the dead men that the Dallas County shops overhauled, then I will not say any more, for they are a wonderful set down there. Aldrich will represent us in Congress just the same.

X. X.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Condensed Schedule in Effect Sept. 18, 1898.

No. 19	STATIONS.	No. 20
6.00am	Lv.....Birmingham.....Ar	7.45pm
8.35am	.....Birmingham Jct.....	4.58pm
10.25am	.....Selma.....	3.15pm
4.35pm	Ar.....Mobile.....Lv	8.30am

No. †26	No. §38	STATIONS.	No. †25	No. §27
4.30am	5.00am	lv..Akron...ar	7.40pm	7.10pm
5.30am	5.51am	..Greensboro..	6.40pm	6.10pm
6.55am	6.59am	....Marion....	5.20pm	5.10pm
7.40am	7.40am	..Marion Jct..	4.18pm	4.18pm
9.00am	9.00am	ar..Selma..lv	3.30pm	3.45pm

No. †20	No. *16	STATIONS.	No. *15	No. *19
.....	3.00pm	lv..New O'l's..ar	10.30am	.....
.....	5.00am	lv..Meridian..ar	7.30pm	.....
.....	5.45am	....York....	6.38pm	.....
.....	6.40am	...Demopolis...	5.40pm	.....
.....	7.21am	ar..Union'n..lv	5.01pm	.....
.....	7.53am	...Marion Jct..	4.29pm	.....
.....	8.35am	ar { Selma { lv	4.03pm	.....
3.15pm	8.40am	lv { Selma { ar	3.55pm	10.25am
5.01pm	10.33am	...Montevallo..	2.07pm	8.32am
.....	10.47am	....Calera....	1.54pm	.....
.....	11.10am	..Columbiana..	1.33pm	.....
.....	11.43am	..Childersburg..	12.45pm	.....
.....	12.42pm	...Talladega...	12.03pm	.....
.....	1.20pm	....Oxford....	11.25am	.....
.....	1.35pm	....Anniston....	11.13am	.....
.....	1.53pm	..Jacksonville..	10.50am	.....
.....	2.21pm	...Piedmont...	10.22am	.....
.....	3.10pm	..Cave Springs..	9.46am	.....
.....	3.45pm	.....Rome.....	9.10am	.....
.....	11.50pm	ar..Atlanta..lv	4.30am	.....

*25	*38	*36	STATIONS	*35	*37	*25
a m	a m	p m		a m	p m	p m
....	6.00	4.15	lv...Birm'ham..ar	11.20	10.00	....
....	7.12	5.35	.....Pell City.....	10.06	8.46	....
....	8.10	6 42	.....Anniston.....	9.13	7.42	....
....	8.19	7.06	.....Oxford.....	8.55	7.32	....
....	8.53	7.47	.....Heflin.....	8.22	7.01	....
....	9.05	7.58	...Edwardsville..	8.11	6.50	....
....	9.14	8 08	....Fruithurst....	8.00	6.40	....
5.55	9.30	8 30	...Tallapoosa....	7.42	6.23	9 00
6 15	9.45	8.50	.....Bremen.....	7.23	6.05	8.35
7.18	10.30	9 30	....Douglasville..	6.32	5.16	7.39
7.30	10.40	9 50	..Lithia Springs..	6 21	5.05	7.26
8.25	11.30	10.45	ar....Atlanta....lv	5.30	4.15	6.20
a m	a m	p m		a m	p m	p m

STATIONS.	No. 9
Lv Rome	6.25pm
Lv Knoxville	1.25am
Ar Morristown	2.25am
Ar Hot Springs	4.00am
Ar Asheville	5.10am
Ar Salisbury... (Cent Time)	9.30am
Ar Greensboro.. (East Time)	8.50am
Ar Raleigh	11.35am
Ar Goldsboro	1.20pm
Ar Washington	9.35pm
Ar New York	6.23am

No. 9 carries Pullman Sleeping car Rome to Chattanooga, Chattanooga to Salisbury and Salisbury to New York without change.

STATIONS.	No. 9
Lv Rome	6.25pm
Ar Chattanooga	8.50pm
Ar Cincinnati	7.30am
Ar Louisville	7.50am

No. 9 Pullman Sleeping car Rome to Cincinnati and Chattanooga to Louisville without change.

STATIONS.	No. 38	No. 36
Lv Atlanta	12.00n n	11.50pm
Ar Charlotte	8.10pm	9.00am
Ar Danville	11.51am	1.30pm
Ar Lynchburg	1.53am	3.45pm
Ar Charlottesville	3.35am	5.48pm
Ar Washington	6.42am	9.35pm
Ar Baltimore	8.06am	11.39pm
Ar Philadelphia	10.15am	2.56am
Ar New York	12.43pm	6.33am

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Tax Assessor's Notice.

I will attend at the following times and places for the purpose of assessing the State, County and Poll taxes for the year 1899:

SECOND ROUND.

Helena, beat 6, Monday, November 14.
Bond, beat 5, Tuesday, November 15.
Gurnee, beat 4, Wednesday, November 16.
Aldrich, beat 4, Thursday, November 17.
Montevallo, beat 4, Friday, November 18.
Calera, beat 3, Saturday, November 19.
Bold Springs, beat 13, Monday, November 21.
Highland, beat 12, Tuesday, November 22.
Pelham, beat 17, Wednesday, November 23.
Ganadarque, beat 7, Thursday, November 24.
Martin's, beat 8, Monday, November 28.
Day's X Roads, beat 11, Tuesday, November 29.
Sterrett, beat 15, Wednesday, November 30.
Dunnavant, beat 18, Thursday, December 1.
Vandiver, beat 14, Friday, December 2.
Vincent, beat 16, Saturday, December 3.
Creswell, beat 10, Monday, December 5.
Harpersville, beat 10, Tuesday, December 6.
Wilsonville, beat 9, Wednesday, December 7.
Columbiana, beat 1, Thursday, December 8.
Spring Creek, beat 2, Friday, December 9.
Shelby Iron Works, beat 1, Saturday, December 10.

Tax payers will please meet me promptly with a legal description of real estate. I would especially call your attention to town property. Under the law the Tax Assessor is responsible for misdescription of the property, and I can not receive any property of this kind unless you furnish me with the block and lot number, or such a description as will enable any one to locate the property. Bring a correct list of all your personal property. Will be in Columbiana from December 19 to last of December, excepting the 25th. In order that I may not be rushed, I would ask tax payers to meet me on first round. Tax books will positively be closed March 1.

JNO. S. PITTS.
Tax Assessor Shelby County.

B. W. BRAND,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA.

Solicits Practice, collections a Specialty. Criminal law recieves special attention. I refer to my record at the Columbiana Bar.

The Silence of Philosophy.

The story goes that Mrs. Carlyle ventured up to Carlisle's "sublime garret" with her needlework one day, but before long her husband drew attention to the noise which she made with her needle. Folding her hands idly upon her lap, she sat motionless, but presently the silence was broken by the voice of the philosopher. "Jane," said he, "I can hear you breathing." As Mrs. Carlyle found it inconvenient to abandon this natural process, she was forced to give up all attempts at bearing her husband company in his study

Foreigners in China buy nearly everything on credit, giving signed "chits" for every purchase, the reason being their unwillingness to load themselves down with silver or native coin, while paper money fluctuates too much.

Salt and pepper can be shaken independently from a newly-designed box, a partition being placed in the center, with the sifting cap formed of two layers of metal, with the perforation so arranged that they will register with but one chamber at once.

A shipyard at Ominato, Japan, still in operation, was established over 1,900 years ago.

Lyon & Co's "Pick Leaf" Smoking Tobacco stands at the top for its delicious aroma. Good as can be made. Try it.

German newspapers complain bitterly that some American firms have been allowed to disfigure the Rhine scenery with large advertising signs.

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Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c, 25c. If C. C. C. fail druggists refund money.

A traveler in Porto Rico says that a cigar equal to the present average American 10-center can be purchased there for two cents.

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Blood Purified by Hood's Sarsaparilla and Health Is Good.

"I was troubled for a long time with catarrh and a bad feeling in my head. I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, and it did me a world of good. My sufferings from catarrh are over and my health is good." Mrs. A. A. Libby, Pownal, Maine.

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"Doesn't your husband's roving disposition worry you?" inquired the woman who takes great interest in her neighbors.

"What do you mean?"

"Why, it was all people could do to urge him out of starting for the Klondike, and now he talks of nothing except Cuba and Hawaii and the Philippines."

"Oh, yes. He's in there now with a lot of maps and books that show how much outfits cost. I encourage him in it. There will be new places for making fortunes discovered constantly, and I never saw anything like 'em for keeping a man home o' nights."

Millionaires of the World.

To be classed as a millionaire in the United States a man must be worth at least $1,000,000; in England he must have five times as much, or $5,000,000; in Germany, 1,000,000 marks, or $250,000.

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"I sincerely thank you for the good advice you gave me and for what your medicine has done for me."

"Cannot Praise It Enough."

Miss Gertie Dunkin,
Franklin, Neb., writes:

"I suffered for some time with painful and irregular menstruation, falling of the womb and pain in the back. I tried physicians, but found no relief.

"I was at last persuaded to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and cannot praise it enough for what it has done for me. I feel like a new person, and would not part with your medicine. I have recommended it to several of my friends."

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"I have been troubled a great deal with a torpid liver, which produces constipation. I found CASCARETS to be all you claim for them and secured such relief the first trial, that I purchased another supply and was completely cured. I shall only be too glad to recommend Cascarets whenever the opportunity is presented." J. A. Smith.
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ALABAMA LEGISLATURE.

Tuesday's Session.

By far the most important bill of this day, and, after all, the most important of the session, except that one raising the revenues—the bill presented in the house by Mr. Brandon from the committee on appropriations, providing for the ordinary expenses of the three great branches of our state government. The greatest point of public interest is the increase of $80,000 a year for the public schools. That is, $80,000 a year, based on this year's income from all taxes on real and personal property. After the present school year ends, the school money from the sources mentioned can be roughly estimated at $430,000, instead of $350,000; and this increase will go on rising automatically as the value of real and personal property in the state increases. This thus becomes the most favorable step taken in many years for the benefit of the common schools of the state.

There are really few changes now from the appropriations of two years ago. The clerk to the attorney-general is dispensed with altogether; the work of that office being comparatively very light. The compensation of the reporter to the supreme court is reduced from $900 a volume of the reports as painted to $700 a volume, and the pay of the secretary to the chief justice is reduced from $1,500 to $1,200. The secretary of the senate and clerk of the house are allowed $300 each for copying and indexing their respective journals, as compared with $450 heretofore. A clerk to secretary of state is dispensed with, and compensation for assistant marshal and chairman to the supreme court is not provided.

A change of importance to solicitors provides that each solicitor shall receive commissions of 10 per cent on all sums over and above $2,400 earned by him and actually collected. The law heretofore has given each solicitor 30 per cent of the first $1,000 over $2,400; 15 per cent on $2,000, and 10 per cent on earnings that exceeded those figures.

Senator Case, of DeKalb, introduced the following resolution:

"Be it resolved, that it is the sense of this senate that any movement by the legislature, at this time, looking to the calling of a constitutional convention for the state, would be improper." Referred to the committee on rules.

Mr. Cunningham introduced a bill to regulate the sentence and employment of convicts in this state; to appropriate 50 per centum of the net earnings of the convict system to the fine and forfeiture fund of the several counties, and to provide for the inspection of jails.

Several bills of local interest were passed by both branches of the house.

Wednesday's Session.

The first unpleasantness of the general assembly occurred today when a heated colloquy arose between Speaker Waller of the house and Mr. Seymour of Sumter. The argument arose over a resolution by Mr. Brandon of Tuscaloosa, which authorized the clerk of the house to employ such additional assistance as he should deem necessary, under the supervision of the speaker. The resolution was adopted by an overwhelming vote. The house then adjourned until Friday.

The senate was opened with prayer, and twenty-eight senators responded to roll call. The reading of the journal was dispensed with. The house joint resolution for inauguration of Governor Johnston, memorial to North Alabama conference, asking prayers of that body for guidance of the assembly, for recess, and for adjournment for Thanksgiving were adopted. A number of house bills were received and referred to appropriate committees.

Friday's Session.

The general assembly reconvened today after its Thanksgiving holiday. The senate passed a number of local bills this morning. The educational bills introduced by Mr. Abercrombie that are being pushed by the State Educational association, were made special order for reading next Tuesday, after the reading of the Journal, to continue until disposed of. Mr. Hall presented a joint resolution to endorse the Nicaragua canal. It was referred to the rules committee. In the house many local bills were presented, but the one of general importance was one relating to beneficiary orders, requiring them endorsed the same on the policy. The bill increasing the pay of the convict inspectors was postponed until tomorrow. The bill to make Mobile pay liquor license into the state treasury was discussed. It was presented by Mr. Seymour.

Saturday's Session.

United States Senator Pettus was at the capitol today and was shown marked honor by both houses. The senate and house took a recess and accorded him a reception. He afterwards made a short address to both houses. He said it was proper to invite the president to come, but it should be done in proper words. He objected to Senator Wiley's resolution praising the president for reuniting the country and for wiping out sectional differences. The incident created quite a breeze.

The work of the assembly today was devoted chiefly to local bills, a flood of which were introduced and a number of which were passed in both houses. In the senate the bill to increase the salary of the state auditor from $1,800 to $2,000 wss introduced. It passed the house yesterday. Senator Cunningham introduced a bill to regulate the police commission of Birmingham. It provides for the election of the commissioners by the people. The house has mapped a bill to abolish the Birmingham police commission.

Mr. Kyle introduced a bill in the house to allow and provide for the waiver of a special venire in capital offenses where the defendant on arraignment, or at any time before a special venire is drawn, pleads guilty, and to regulate the practice in such cases.

Mr. Lacy introduced a measure to create a lien in favor of hotel or innkeepers on all the property of guests or boarders for board, meals or lodging.

By request Mr. Jones, of Wilcox, introduced a bill in the house to establish a branch agricultural experiment station for the negro race at Snow Hill, in Wilcox county, and to make appropriation therefor.

Mr. Cofer introduced a bill in the house to require all owners of street railroads in Alabama to provide cabs or places of comfort or protection of motormen.

The house by a vote of 50 to 20 knocked out Mr. Coffer's bill to reduce the salaries of state solicitors; also, by a vote of 47 to 16, reduced the amount of bond to be given by the state treasurer from $300,000 to $150,000.

HOUSEHOLD MATTERS.

Novelty in Sofa Cushions.

The sofa cushion has become as much a part of the home wardrobe as the shirt waist is of the personal outfit, and every season new styles of cushions are exhibited, putting the seal of disapproval on those we have and tempting us to replace the worn out ones with those on which fashion smiles.

The newest cushion to-day is the one whose cover is made of the famous canvas work in cross stitch. The beauty of this cross stitch work is in its possibilities of infinite gradations of color; with an intricate design one can use ten or fifteen shades of the worsteds. The pillow is finished with a ruffle combining two or three rows of inch wide ribbon of the shades employed in the canvas work, stitched together or embroidered with herringbone or buttonhole.—New York Herald.

Having Good Ventilation.

The poets' "melancholy days have come," and with them the season for starting the furnace, that foe to all plant life. The writer is a thorough believer in that form of house-heating, but it must be said that the ordinary furnace-heated house is a bad place in which to grow plants. The air seems to have had all the dampness removed, and that moist condition so conducive to a good growth in plants is not found. This may in a measure be overcome by means of evaporation, which, while not supplying a great amount of moisture, should do something toward relieving the bad condition of the atmosphere.

Place jars or pans of water in, around or about the furnace, hang buckets of water down inside the furnace pipes below the registers, or place them anywhere that rapid evaporation may be induced.

Keep all the plants in light, airy locations, but away from drafts. Never consign a well-grown specimen palm to a corner of the room, though it may look better there. Its beautiful appearance will last a short time only in the dark, close place. It may seem strange to some, but the very best place in the house, if the temperature can there be maintained at an even point, is the kitchen, because of the constant evaporation of water as it puffs forth from the spout of the teakettle.—Woman's Home Companion.

Caring For the Piano.

It is well to sometimes rub the wires gently with chamois or a flannel cloth, and to pass a soft muslin over the sounding board by means of a slender point which will slip between the wires and engage the cloth, which may then be carefully moved over the surface, taking off the dust. A steel crochet hook or a stout knitting needle will answer the purpose.

It is advisable to keep a little camphor gum inside the case, for if the moth miller has been attracted by the felt used in various parts, it will serve as a means of protection against the moth. The temperature of the room should be moderate, and as even as may be. Extreme heat that is drying should always be avoided, as when a piano stands, as is often the case, too near a stove, a register or a grate fire. An instrument should be opened for a shore time each day; if it is not much used this is especially desirable.

Often there appears a sort of bloom upon the case, or the wood looks dingy, and seems to be in need of cleaning. It is, however, very uncertain work to to attempt to improve the fine finish of a piano with polish, so much of which is advertised as making a piano look like new. Instead, the method recommended and used by a professional tuner is one that may be safely tested, with the certainty that it will not be the means of gathering additional dust, as oils and polishes are apt to do.

Take the finest toilet soap and lukewarm water, and wash a little of the piano at a time, as you would wash a baby's dirty face, using a soft cloth, such as Canton flannel, working upon a space not larger than your hand. Wipe it off with clear water, and rub well with clean Canton flannel until it is perfectly dry and well polished. The fine soapsuds does not affect the original finish in the least, but simply removes that which obscures it, and, if rubbed absolutely dry, with a brisk motion, the result is that the piano is cleaned and brightened.

Recipes.

Baked Pear Sauce—Cut peeled and cored pears in quarters, and stir as usual, adding sugar. Then put in an agate pie plate with the sauce and bake slowly half an hour. They have a different flavor from either baked or stewed.

Brunswick Stew—Cook a small part of beef shank until nearly done, then add peeled and quartered potatoes, skinned and sliced ripe tomatoes, small or quartered onions, salt, pepper. This may be dished with the meat in centre and vegetables around, or cut the meat in pieces and serve as any stew.

Apple Puffets—Three eggs, one pint of milk, a little salt and enough flour to make a batter, and one and one-half tablespoonfuls of baking powder. Fill the cups alternately with a layer of the batter and then the apples chopped fine. Steam one hour and serve hot with sugar and cream. Any other fruit may be used.

Italian Paste—In one quart of sweet milk soak until pliable one-half pound of macaroni, drain off the milk and place the paste in a deep earthern dish. To the milk, with enough more to cover, add a teaspoonful of salt, two well-beaten eggs, a dessertspoonful of sugar and pour on the paste. Grate dry bits of cheese and sprinkle over the paste one-half inch deep; bake brown.

Nobility.

Certainly nobility is of blood and birth, and he who would be immortal must have care for his posterity. Nothing can be more absurd than the fuss our gentry make concerning titles and places of precedence. They are of a mind with those foolish old courtiers of Louis XIV, and think that nobility consists in "Le droit du monter dans le carosse du roi." They forget that what is called blue blood is often very bad blood. I know a family of long descent and high communion which has been "decorated" in almost all possible ways. Nothing can ennoble it. Nearly every member of it is marked by some coarseness of physique—some lewdness of conduct; and this notwithstanding inter-marriages and the introduction of new blood. This stock may safely be backed to produce in every generation one or more profligates of dishonorable life. Every member of it has a certain liability of shame. The poison in the blood has had its inlet through vice, and must have its outlet in suffering. Ultimately it will bring about the extinction of the race. The wicked, Plato has truly said, are wicked because of their organization—their parents, and not they, should be punished.—The Humanitarian.

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The biggest silver producer in the world at present is the Broken Hill Proprietary Company, in New South Wales. The output of that company's mines for the fiscal year ended on May 31, 1898, was 6,122,270 fine ounces of silver. The Anaconda Copper Mining Company, in Montana, came second, with a production of 5,074,036 ounces of silver. It is worth noting that in both of these mines the silver is produced in connection with other metals—at Broken Hill with lead and at Anaconda with copper. The latter is principally a copper mine, since the metal forms the greater part of the value of its ores.

The Compania Huanchaca de Bolivia has had the operation of its mines seriously interfered with for the last two years by water and other mishaps. Its production in 1897 was 151,995 kilograms, or 4,886,673 ounces of silver. This is not much more than one-half of the maximum output, which was reached in 1893, and was 281,007 kilograms, or 9,034,385 ounces.—Engineering and Mining Journal.

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Practical Education.

The tendency of the times is towards that which is practical, and it is well that it is so. Many a person, upon whose education hundreds of dollars have been spent, has discovered in the time of need that what has been learned is of little value. Why? Simply because time and attention have been devoted to the ornamental, rather than to the practical. How much better it would have been if at least a portion of the time had been employed in securing a business education in bookkeeping, shorthand, typewriting and the allied branches. A business education is of inestimable value to every young man and young woman. One of the best places we know of to secure a practical business education is at the Birmingham Business College, of Birmingham, Ala. This college was established nearly eleven years ago, and is one of the best known and most popular institutions of its kind in the south. The policy of the college is "the very best of everything;" best equipments, best methods, best location and best teaches. We are informed by President Willard J. Wheeler that every desk in the study hall is taken at the present time, thus showing the popularity of the college. The graduates of the Birmingham Business College are always in demand, and the college, by means of its Position Bureau, is enabled to place all students in good positions as soon as competent. All who expect to patronize a business college will do well to correspond with the president.

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BITS OF HUMOR.

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THE PEOPLES ADVOCATE.

"THE LOVE OF COUNTRY GUIDES."

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Spain has slowly but surely been forced to abandon its stand in consideration of "pride" and "glory."

The foreign demand for breadstuffs continues to be heavy, and the supply is still equal to the demand. A great country this, and the limit of its resources is not yet approached.

Apropos of England's warlike activity it is timely to recall Gladstone's famous reply in the House of Commons: "No, we are not at war; we are conducting military operations."

Coal mining is now one of Missouri's chief industries. The annual report of the United States' geological survey credits her with producing in 1897 2,665,626 tons, the cash value of which is placed at $2,887,824.

The scheme of American popular education will not reach its highest development until every boy and girl shall be fitted, before leaving school, to use every power to its highest capacity to rightly perform the duties of family and civic relations, and to "make a living" by some handicraft the elements of which have been learned.

Time was when to have written a book gave a person some degree of distinction. Men and women were pointed out as the authors of certain books, and these books, once named in educated circles, were recognized. But that time has measurably gone by. To have written a book nowadays is to have done what thousands of others have done, and are busily engaged at this very hour in doing. The statement amounts to little more than does the statement that a certain person has designed an office building, has invented a labor-saving machine, has constructed a new kind of street-car rail, or a wagon.

While Porto Rico is densely populated, yet, in view of the great wealth of the island, there is still room for thousands of immigrants of the right sort. Under the stimulating effect of American ideas Porto Rico will soon begin to astonish the world with her growth. So long as she was fettered by the tyranny of Spain she could not do this, but now that she is permitted to inhale the atmosphere of freedom, she will speedily make up for what she has lost. We will miss our guess if Porto Rico within the next few years does not become one of the most coveted gems on the breast of the ocean, observes the Atlanta Constitution.

After struggling for a long time with the problem of over production, the butter makers opened a central warehouse at Sydney, New South Wales, where they sent all their butter, and whence it was sold at wholesale at certain fixed prices, varying according to the season of the year, but never falling below sixteen cents. What butter is not sold at that price is shipped in cold storage to London. In this way the price is kept up. Co-operation among farmers is admittedly one of the most difficult of social problems. Farming is generally carried on with insufficient capital, which makes the farmer a long-credit man, and places him largely in the hands of the middlemen. Farming really requires a liberal education and large executive ability. What the farmers of New South Wales have done, however, might be done by American farmers, especially since the London market is much nearer America than it is New South Wales. But it can't be done with cotton, for the obvious reason that the London market is glutted at the start.

The Abstract of Statistics of the Railways of the United States, for the year ending June 30, 1897, just issued by the interstate commerce commission, gives some interesting figures. There are 184,428 miles of railway in the country; of second, third and fourth tracks 12,705 miles, and of yard and track sidings 46,221 miles, making a grand total of 243,444 miles. One-third of the rails in yards and sidings are of iron, and 95 per cent. of all others are steel. There are 10,017 passenger locomotives, 20,398 freight and 5102 for switching; 33,626 passenger and 1,221,730 freight cars. There are 823,476 men employed by the railways; the amount paid them represents 61.87 per cent. of the total operating expenses. There were 489,445,198 passengers carried, and 43,168 casualities occurred, of which 6437 resulted in death; 1693 railway employes were killed and 27,667 injured. One out of every 2,204,708 passengers was killed, and one out of every 175,116 was injured; of employes one out of every 486 was killed, and one out of every 80 was injured.

THE SILVER LINING.

When poets sing of lovers' woes
And blighted lives and throbs and throes
And yearnings—goodness only knows
It's all a pose.

I am a poet, too, you know,
I, too, was young once, long ago,
And wrote such stuff myself, and so
I ought to know.

I, too, found refuge from despair
In sonnet's to Amanda's fair
White brow or Nell's complexion rare,
Or Titian hair—

Which, when she scorned, did I resign
To flames, and go into decline?
Not much! When sonnets fetched per line
Enough to dine.

So, reader, when you read in print
A poet's woe—beware and stint
Your tears and take this gentle hint—
It is his mint.

—Oliver Herford.

Sir Thomas' Invention.

I

Few things are more unpleasant to contemplate than the prospect of being buried alive. The horror of the idea haunts some people like a nightmare; the dread of such a fate amounts in some of them to a species of madness. It was so with old Thomas Twining, who had, on repeated occasions given the most precise instructions as to the tests which should be applied to his presumably lifeless corpse before it was finally made ready for its resting place among the Twinings of three generations.

One evening as he sat ruminating over the subject he was struck with what he thought was a new idea. It was not new, by any means, for coffins which would open automatically on the revival of a supposed corpse have been known from almost the earliest times. Sir Thomas never heard of these of course; if he had he would have had one made long ago, and besides, there was really something new about his idea—which was that the coffin should not merely open, but fly to pieces, so as to afford instantaneous relief, and should contain the necessary tools, explosives, etc., to enable the prisoner to escape, even if he should awake to find himself bricked in from the air and the sun.

The baronet had always had a taste for mechanics, electricity, chemistry and the like. Castle Twining was full of apparata—lathes, benches and tools—and so Sir Thomas decided upon inventing with his own hands, the coffin which was to inclose his remains, and which was to effectually guard him against the doom which he regarded as ten times more terrible than death.

He thought over all sorts of projects—of levers which the slightest movement of the body must certainly act upon; of elongated electric buttons, the faintest pressure upon which would lift the cover of the coffin and lay its sides and ends flat upon its bed; of cements which the increasing temperature of the "body" would melt, and of fabrics which, while air proof, would easily be torn in shreds by convulsive and desperate fingers. All these, after full consideration, he discarded as failing in some particular to meet the requirements of the case.

Patience rewarded him at last, however. The next solution, he perceived, must be a pneumatic one. The releasing apparatus must be operated upon by an increase of the internal air pressure. How was this to be achieved? The answer came to Sir Thomas just as the idea of gravitation came to Newton and that of steam to Watt—by observation of one of the commonest incidents imaginable. The falling apple of the former and the hissing kettle of the latter, spake not more clearly to those keen observers than did the opening of a bottle of soda water to Sir Thomas Twining. What was the gas in soda water but imprisoned air? And why should not the release of imprisoned air in the projected coffin effect the purpose in view?

Still, there was this difficulty—that the force necessary to let loose the soda water was greater than that needed to operate the mechanism which would throw the coffin open. And how was this initial force to be provided? Much anxious thought was bestowed upon this problem. But it, too, at length yielded to the baronet's persistent efforts, for he found that the same effect, on a much larger and therefore better scale, could be produced by an ordinary seidlitz powder. To devise a plan by which a light metal plate, attached by a slender rod to two cups containing tartaric acid and carbonate of soda, which would rest upon the corpses' hands, and on the slightest movement tilt the chemicals into a vessel of water, was no difficult matter. And then Sir Thomas had the satisfaction of beholding his coffin complete.

II.

It was beautifully made of oak, hinged at the corners in such a way as to open out flat directly the cover was disturbed, and having a most ingenious snap-catch for the cover itself so that, when once fastened down, it was practically immovable from the outside, but was instantly lifted partly off when the increased internal air pressure acted on a valve as delicate as the tympanum of a telephone.

Words cannot describe Sir Thomas' delight when for the first time he put the coffin to practical proof. Having chloroformed his favorite dog, a mastiff, he laid the animal out in the coffin, set the metal plate in position on his paws, charged the cups with the necessary chemicals, shut down the cover with a sharp click and calmly awaited the result.

Half an hour passed and nothing happened. There was nothing surprising in this for Sir Thomas had calculated the anaesthetic to last at least as long; but when fifteen minutes more had gone by, the baronet began to feel a little anxious. He was not so much concerned about the dog, although he was sincerely attached to him. It was the thought that the invention might be a failure, after all, which distressed him most. Judge, therefore, of his joy when as if some one had touched a hidden spring the cover was seen to rise—at first slightly, and then with a velocity as if dynamite had been exploded under it, while the mastiff, with a yell that might have lifted the roof—not of the casket merely, but of Castle Twining itself—sprang madly out of its prison, gave a ferocious glance at Sir Thomas and leaped like one possessed through the open window. The mastiff was not seen again for days, and when at last it returned the poor beast was so emaciated that evidently nothing but hunger had induced it to come home. But Sir Thomas was overjoyed. The great work had been accomplished at last.

III.

After this Sir Thomas took great delight in showing off the merits of his coffin to his visitors and neighbors. On the first of these occasions the services of the mastiff were again requesitioned. But the mastiff objected. Once buried, twice shy. No sooner did he catch sight of the dreaded receptacle than he broke loose from his custodians, and galloped off as fast as his legs could carry him. Of course, another dog was found, and was put through the experiment successfully, but he, too, strange to say, could not be induced to repeat the performance, and gave the mansion a very wide berth ever after. In fact, long before Sir Thomas had demonstrated his invention to all who were curious to see it, he had alienated the affections of every dog on the estate, and was obliged to borrow from his neighbors. Matters reached such a pass at last—all the available dogs for miles around having been "used up," so to speak—that in respone to the numerous applications which rached Sir Thomas to see the wonderful coffin, he used to say by way of postscript: "Visitors are kindly requested to bring their own dogs."

The coffin used to lie on a narrow bench in the library, and Sir Thomas would sometimes sit for hours and gaze upon it lovingly. One afternoon an idea occurred to him which he was rather surprised had not suggested itself before. It was that he should put the invention to a crucial final test by confining himself within the coffin, and then, by setting the apparatus going, effecting his own release, precisely as he would do if, unfortunately, he should be supposed to be dead while still alive. Of course, he would not chloroform himself; that was unnecessary, as well as impracticable. Indeed, it would be as much as he could do to adjust the chemicals and the levers, and then, having stretched himself inside the casket, to lower the cover upon it in the proper way.

He put in an extra dose of the soda and the acid, laid himself down, and carefully drew the lid forward until he had worked it into the right position.

One hand was just beneath the metal plate, the other still supported the cover. At this supreme moment a sudden sinking of the heart sent a cold sensation through the baronet's frame, and he could not help thinking it would have been better had some one else been present in case—

Bah! what could happen? Had he not carried out a hundred similar experiments without a single failure? He withdrew his hand from the lid and in an instant, click! Sir Thomas was to all intents and purposes dead and buried.

What happened immediately after can only be conjectured; Sir Thomas himself was never able to give any clear account. It is certain, at all events, that from some cause or other the apparatus failed to act. The baronet swears that he moved the metal plate exactly in the right way, but that instead of hearing the "fizz" of the seidlitz powder he perceived nothing to save a deathly and appalling silence, while a few seconds sufficed to throw him into the agonies of asphyxiation.

He remembers very little else, and from this point the story is continued by the servants at Castle Twining, who say that they heard a most awful crash in the library, as of some body falling from a considerable height; that on rushing in they found the coffin on the floor, literally broken in halves, and that their beloved master was frantically endeavoring to extricate his head from one half, while his feet seemed firmly wedged into the other. They got him out, purple in the face, and with every vein in his body at bursting point, and applied restoratives freely, after which he speedily recovered, though speech was still denied him. It was not before a powerful restorative had been administered to him that he gasped:

"I think I must have forgotten to put in the water!"

Whether this was so or not, it is certain that Sir Thomas had the wreck of the coffin carefully removed and disposed of. He never made another, and never patented the invention. He still retains his dread of premature burial, but his final instructions on the matter are that all possible doubts as to his decease shall be resolved in any way his medical attendants may decide upon, but that his body shall not be inclosed in any coffin whatever.

"A mere winding sheet," he says, "a mere winding sheet! That's quite good enough for me!"

THE ROSES WERE DRUGGED.

How Travellers on German Railway Train Were Robbed by a Clever Scheme.

It may be all right for heroines to make their adorers tremulously happy by presenting them with roses. The novelists and dramatists must not be robbed of all their stock in trade. But it behooves the nineteenth century man to be particular about the roses he accepts, or rather about the girl who gives them. A short time ago a man and his two sisters were alone in a compartment on a German railway. At a station, an elegantly dressed-thickly veiled woman entered the carriage, carrying a superb bouquet of roses. When the train started, she asked her fellow travellers if they would object to her closing the window. The man hastened to close it for her, and, in moving to get out of his way, the stranger dropped her roses. He picked them up for her; and, thanking him charmingly, she asked him to keep one. Then, turning to his companions, she graciously offered each of them a few of the flowers. Naturally the courtesy was accepted; and the next thing of which the travellers were conscious was that the train had arrived in Berlin, that their veiled companion had disappeared, and that all of their money and valuables had gone with her. Of course, the roses had been drugged.

The police have discovered that the criminal is a young man, and that he has conducted a number of daring robberies in a similar fashion. One must admit that it is the refinement of robbery, and, if one must be robbed at all, the rose method is preferable to sandbagging or garroting. If Chicago citizens should meet young women who would insist upon showering roses upon them, they would doubtless welcome the change from cruder forms of hold-up. But, after all, one may as well fight shy of veiled women with roses.

How Porto Ricans Shave.

The natives of our new territory, Porto Rico, have no need to buy soap, for the wooded country abounds in plants whose leaves and bulbs supply most fully the place of that indispensable article. Among the best of these is the soap tree, so-called, although it is more of a bush than a tree. Its bulb when rubbed on wet clothes makes a snow-white lather, which has an odor like old brown soap. The Porto Ricans, who are all, from the highest to the lowest, great dandies in their way, make soap out of cocoanut oil and home-made lye—and a fine soap it is, smooth and fragrant. This cocoanut oil soap is used for shaving. When a man wishes to have a shave in the morning he starts out with his cocoanut shell cup, and his donkey-tail brush and bottle. It is never any trouble to find an empty bottle in Porto Rico, Cuba, Jamaica, or almost any of the larger West Indian islands, even in remote spots in the mountains. At least twenty generations of thirsty people have lived there and thrown away the bottles. The man carries no mirror, he is too poor to own such a luxury. Not one house in twenty in Porto Rico has even the cheapest kind of a looking-glass. But generously rich nature provides the mirror, as well as the soap. The man goes to some convenient pool in the mountain stream where the water is quite still—there is his mirror. He breaks his bottle on a stone, and deftly picks out a sharp piece of suitable size. Then he lathers his face profusely, and begins to scrape away with his piece of glass, which in his hands works as well as the best steel razor. A cut or even a slight scratch, is extremely rare as a result of this al fresco form of shaving.

How to Ride in a Hansom.

The hansom cab of our day started in life as "the patent safety." The patent of that safety vehicle has long since expired: anybody may come to grief in it. Here, for instance, is the Sufferer, of Arthur's Club, who "ventilates" his accident. A hansom horse came down with him six weeks ago, and, by the operation of its first plunge, sent the Sufferer's head clean through the double glasses of the window folded above it, cutting an artery, and making the appearance of a surgeon providental. The driver, too, was damaged. When he came out of the hospital he called upon his fare and explained how it had all happened. The fare was sitting too far forward, it seems; when the horse slipped it was unable to recover itself. The straight tip is to sit as far back in your hansom as possible, and put your feet against the footboard. The up-to-date hansom, though, has no footboard, and you do not always ride with the door open. You will do well, anyhow, never to have the window down, and always to wear a tall hat. If the Sufferer had taken this latter precaution his head would have been a long way from going clean through the glass.

A Curious Claim.

One of the strangest claims ever made to an insurance company was that for $1.50, the value of a plum pudding which had been accidentally burnt to a cinder. The claim was not allowed, though the amount was paltry, because it was proved that the casualty had resulted from the carelessness of the cook, who had omitted to put any water in the saucepan.

GEN. AGUINALDO IS PACIFIC.

But a Manila Paper Contends for Recognition of Independence.

NO SURPRISE AT COMMISSION'S ACTION.

Harmony Existing Will Only Be Broken by "Priests or Traitors Inducing the American to Attack Us"—Paris Sympathizers' Opinion

MANILA—Owing to the fact that the result of the Paris conference has long been anticipated here, the agreement of Spain to cede the Philippine islands to the United States created no excitement or surprise.

Aguinaldo is certain to assume a conciliatory attitude, bacause his position is daily becoming more untenable.

A local paper says: "The Filipinos will shed their blood in torrents again before submitting to foreign domination. America brought Aguinaldo from Japan and recognized our nationality by allowing our flag to be raised at Corregidor island and to sail the bay in full sight of all the foreign fleets. None dared to interfere. If America now declines to openly acknowledge our independence, a great injustice will be committed. Had Spain asked $40,000,000 for the island, the Filippinos would have gladly given twice that amount, or more, to preserve their rights ruthlessly set aside by the enemy."

In conclusion the article affirms the friendship of the Filippinos for Americans, insists that the insurgents will never fire the first shot, and adds that the harmony existing will only be broken by "priests or traitors inducing the Americans to attack us."

PARIS.—Paris sympathizers having a quasi connection with the Spanish commission are making much over the reported attitude of the Filippinos towards the United States. These sympathizers profess to have information that Aguinaldo means to fight, and that he now has 60,000 soldiers armed with Mauser rifles, and eighteen quick-firing guns, and it is asserted that he will be satisfied with nothing but independence.

THE CRISIS IN SPAIN.

Don Carlos Preparing for a Bold Stroke—Carlism Gaining Strength.

LONDON.—The crisis in Spain is followed with the most keen interest. Don Carlos is undoubtedly preparing for a bold stroke. His emissaries are sent to suborn the Spanish army, a large portion of it being disaffected, partly on account of the arrears of pay, but chiefly owing to the condition of the army, it was prevented from earning distinction during the late war, on account of the incapability and corruption of the political administration. These new factors have given Don Carlos a much better chance of success than he had when he made his former attempts to gain the throne of Spain. The part of the Spanish kingdom which is causing the most anxiety on account of the Carlist intrigues is the provinces of Lerada, Gerone, Teruel, Cuonca, Castillon and Valencia. The detailed watch in the disaffected districts has hitherto failed to produce any important discoveri, or to check the agitation.

Don Jaimie, the son of Don Carlos, is reported to be moving from place to place on the French side of the Pyrenes, from whence he is pulling Carlist wires.

The Count de Maaile, a leading Carlist, now in Paris, is quoted in an interview as expressing himself as saying he is sure of success. He claims that Carlism has made strong headway among the repatriated soldiers, while the people, clergy, and some of the bishops, he alleges, are longing to return to the old regime. The count added:

"As for the pope; he is always on the side of the party in power and will send his blessing to Don Carlos as soon as he sits on the throne. General Weyler is ready to give his sword to the highest bidder and Don Carlos, his wife (the Princess Derohau) and her family are ready to advance funds and the French legitimatists will also aid financially and provide volunteers."

MILES PREPARES A BILL.

Provides for a Regular Standing Army of 100,000 Men.

General Miles, commanding the army, has prepared the draft of a bill providing for a regular standing army of 100,000 men. The bill, it is said, will provide for an organization of twelve companies to the regiment, with an arrangement for a third lieutenant for each company in case of need for that officer. It will contain a provision for a staff corps, largely in accordance with the recommendations of the heads of the various bureaus, as recommended by them in their annual reports.

Civil Service Order Nearly Ready.

President McKinley's civil service order, so long expected, is now ready for promulgation. It may be given out any day. It is expected to remove from the classified service 957 deputy collectors of internal revenue stationed in the sixty-three collection districts throughout the union, 606 examining surgeons attached to the pension bureau and a number of minor places, such as counsel to the board of general appraisers in New York, second assistant cashier in the New York custom house and several others.

WITH THE COMMISSIONERS

Judge Day Believes the Treaty Will Be Signed This Week—Germany Negotiating for the Carolines.

PARIS.—The report from Berlin that Germany is negotiating for the purchase of the Caroline Islands is confirmed from several quarters, although Count Von Munster-Ledenburg, the German ambassador at Paris, informed a correspondent of the Associated Press that he knew nothing at all about the matter. The American commissioners are inclined to believe the report, and it is looked upon as explaining the reluctance of the Spaniards to give the Americans an answer in regard to the Caroline Islands, as well as on the question of religious liberty there, and the latest developments confirm the report that the Spaniards have been instructed not to yield on these points until they have made a good bargain.

The position of the commissions, says an American commissioner, is that of two card players, each studying his own hand and waiting for his opponent's lead. In spite of this temporary halt in the negotiations and contrary to general impression, Judge Day believes the treaty will be signed next week. But a great deal of work must be done before the treaty is ready for the signatures, as after ten weeks of negotiation the only articles accepted by both commissions are the three leading ones, providing for the cession of the Spanish colonies, and these only in principle, and not in language.

EIGHTY MEN PROBABLY LOST.

British Steamer Londonian Sighted With Decks Submerged.

The British steamer King Arthur, from Demarra, arrived at Liverpool and reported she sighted the Londonian on Nov. 26, in latitude 48 north, longitude 16 west, on her beam ends on the starboard side with decks and hatches submerged. All her boats were gone except a small boat, and there was no sign of life about her. The Londonian sailed from Boston Nov. 15 for London in command of Captain Lee. The Londonian was a steel vessel, built in Glasgow in 1896, and registered 5,592 tons. She measured 350 feet in length, and 59.5 feet beam, and 30.9 feet in depth.

The Londonian was exclusively a cargo steamer, and her complement of officers and crew numbered about 80 men.

EIGHT THOUSAND MEN

Will Be Put to Work on a New Railroad in Arkansas.

As a result of the temporary injunction granted to the Choctaw & Memphis Railway company restraining the Iron Mountain from interfering with the construction of the former's new line between Little Rock and Wister Junction, an order came from Philadelphia Friday urging contractors to cover their work and push it with all possible expedition. Within ten days 8,000 men will be employed on the gap of 164 miles of new road.

Garcia Received as a Citizen.

The members of the Cuban commission, headed by Gen. Garcia, called at the white house Friday and were soon ushered into the cabinet room, where they were received by the president. The meeting, however, was entirely informal and unofficial in character. It lasted an hour and a half. The meeting of the president was very cordial, but the distinguished Cubans were received as citizens of Cuba and not as having an official status.

An Aged Lady Killed.

Mrs. Abbie L. Marble, the aged sister-in-law of the late James G. Blaine, met with a tragic death Friday at San Leand, Cal.

She was out driving in a light buggy when the horse took fright and ran away, going through an open gate into an orchard. A low-hanging limb struck Mrs. Marble in the breast, throwing her from the buggy and killing her instantly. She was seventy years old.

Isle of Pines Ours.

Some questions having risen as to the ownership of the Isle of Pines, south of Cuba, it is stated the agreement with the Spaniards expressly provided that the islands immediately adjacent to Cuba and Porto Rico should be ceded to the United States.

New York Ordered to Havana.

Commodore Philip, at Norfolk, has been ordered to send his flagship, the New York, to Havana immediately. It is not known whether any other ships will be sent to Cuba. Upon the arrival of the New York at Havana, Admiral Sampson will resume his duties as commander of the North Atlantic squadron and again will hoist his flag on the New York.

Thirty-Seven Drowned.

Thirty-seven people were drowned who were on the British steamer Clandrummond, from the Clyde via Liverpool for Cape Good Hope, wrecked in the Bay of Biscay.

Royal Marriage Announced.

According to announcement made upon high authority a marriage has been arranged between Price George of Greece and his cousin, Princess Victoria of Wales. The latter is a year older than the recently appointed high commissioners of the powers in Crete.

The government of Nicaragua, as a result of the collapse of the republic of Central America, has published a decree declaring Nicaragua to be an independent sovereign state.

PROGRESS OF EVACUATION.

Old Glory Hoisted Over Public Buildings in Saneti Spiritus and Trinidad.

THE AMERICANS CALL ON CASTELLANOS.

Cordially Received by the New Captain-General—Work of Cleaning Havana Begun—Americans Buy a Theater.

HAVANA—At noon Saturday, the American forces having previously taken charge of Sancti Spiritus and Trinidad, in Santa Clara previnces, the Stars and Stripes were officially and with impressive ceremonies, hoisted over the city halls and the military and other public buildings in those cities. When the flags were unfurled the band played the "Star Spangled Banner" and the soldiers including the Fourth Tennessee, and large crowds of citizens cheered enthusiastically.

General Wade, president of the United States evacuation commission, accompanied by Colonel Clous, judge advocate; Captain Hart, the official interpreter, and Majors Almy, Allison, Butler and Brooke, called upon Captain-General Castellanos at the palace Saturday. They were received by the president of the Spanish evacuation commission, who introduced them to General Castellanos. The meeting was of a most cordial nature.

San Antonio de Dos Barnes, province of Havana, and Jaguey Le Grande, province of Matanzas, were evacuated by the Spanish troops.

The work of cleaning the streets of Havana under American auspices began Saturday. Over 100 men were engaged in sweeping the main thoroughfares. The refuse was taken to Paula wharf, where it was towed out to sea in scows and dumped ten miles from land.

A deed of sale of the Tacon theater to an American syndicate for $350,000 has been signed, the property passing into the hands of the Tacon Realty Company. The Tacon, which is the eighth largest opera house in the world, occupies an entire block.

PREPARING TO MOVE TO CUBA.

General Lee Has Been Given Orders to Embark Within Five Days.

General Fitzhugh Lee, in accordance with his instructions from Washington, issued a general order Friday directing that the Second division of his corps prepare to move to Cuba at once. Regimental commanders in that division are putting their forces in shape to move within five days' time. The division is composed of the Second Illinois, Sixty-first Indiana, First North Carolina, Fourth Virginia, Forty-ninth Iowa and Sixth Missouri. It is in command of General F. V. Greene, who is now in Cuba, having been sent there for the purpose of selecting camp sites.

The Second division hospital, Major Russell B. Harrison, postmarshal, and six companies of the provost guard are ordered to prepare to move at the same time.

There are three transports now in Savannah harbor—the Minnewaska, the Michigan and the Panama. These can carry about three regiment, and it may be that they will be used to convey part of General Lee's Second division to Havana. It is feared this movement will carry half the Seventh army corps away before the president comes to review it.

GOV. TANNER INDICTED.

Fifty-Four Others Are Included on Account of Virden Trouble.

The Virden riot grand jury at Carlinville, Ill., has made its formal report to Judge Shirley. The grand jury dealt pertinently with the affair, and, as far as it was able to ascertain, returned true bills against the principal participants in the tragedy of October 12 at Virden. Ten indictments, involving fifty-four persons, were returned. Against John R. Tanner, governor of Illinois, there are three counts for palpable omission of duty and malfeasance in office. Fred W. Lukins, general manager of the Chicago-Virden Coal Company, is charged with manslaughter.

AUSTRIA MAD WITH GERMANY.

Alliance Between Two Countries May Be Broken Off.

The Vienna correspondent of The London Observer asserts that the relations between Austria and Germany are very much strained and that the speech of Count Thun Hobenstein, Austrian premier, in the reichsrath, threatening reprisals against Germany for the expulsion of Austrians from that country, was only palatable on account of the outspoken hostility for Germany and as the first practical step toward the dissolution of the Austrian-German alliance.

Suit Instituted for $1,000,000.

Thurlow Weed Barnes has brought suit in the supreme court against the American-China Development Company for $1,000,000 for services in obtaining railroad concessions from the imperial Chinese government through the Chinese minister at Washington. The concessions are worth in net profits at least $12,000,000 to the company and they may be worth $24,000,000. They are the most valuable grants ever made by the Chinese government to foreign capitalists.

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Third District—R. J. Griffin.
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JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

Beat 1—B. L. Moore, Columbiana; terms of court every Thursday.
Beat 1, box 2—W. E. Seale, Shelby; terms of court every Wednesday.

Congress met Monday.

Spain has yielded to force and will sign the treaty and give us the Philippine Islands. What will we do with them?

It is said there is plenty of prosperity. We would like to know where it has struck, we cant find it in these diggins.

An increasing volume of money and prosperity to the people go hand in hand, and he who advocates a contraction of the currency in effect, advocates low prices and discontent and suffering.

In another column will be found an article from the Age-Herald, in regard to the intiative and referendum, which has been recently made a part of the constitution of South Dakota. We are glad to see such a principle engrafted in the Dakota constitution, because it means that the people shall rule If such a provision had been engrafted upon the federal constitution, we would have no gold standard today, but in its stead the free and unlimited coinage of both gold and silver, and our currency would be expanded to meet the demands of commerce and industry, and last but not least we would have long ago knocked the national banks out, and had greenbacks in their stead.

The Chronicle wants the elective franchise confined to the intelligent and virtuous. By what standard would the editor of The Chronicle have men measured?—Peoples Advocate.

By the standard of Anglo-Saxon manhood, whether poor or rich, great or small.—Chronicle.

The above from The Chronicle shows how ignorant he is, for every man who has read the constitution of the United States knows full well that no law can be passed by any State, and no state convention can be adopted that makes any discrimination on account of race, color or previous condition. And The Advocate owned and controlled and edited by Anglo-Saxon blood asks no special priveliges for its race. We beleive the Anglo-Saxon race is capable of competing any where and under all circumstances with any other race of people upon Gods earth. Our motto is equal rights to all and special favors to none.

AFRAID OF THE PEOPLE.

The only terms under which a constitutional convention can be convened show that the opponents of a convention distrust the people. "No convention shall hereafter be held for the purpose of altering or amending the constitution of this state, unless the question of convention or no convention shall be first submitted to a vote of all the electors of the state, and approved by a majority of those voting at said election." These are the words of the present constitution, and a convention can not be convened within the law unless the call for it be first ratified by the people.

Under such a safeguard the desire of a respectable minority should be heeded; but certain men and certain interests now propose to disregard—to veto—to thwart the will of at least nine-tenths of the white voters of the state.

Representative government ceases to be representative if the representatives refuse to heed the plain, known, unmistakable and deliberate will of the people. The Age-Herald unhesitatingly declares, without fear of successful contradiction, that the white people of Alabama do desire a constitutional convention. It further asserts, without fear of contradiction, that this desire is well established and well known. It follows therefore that a constitutional proposition must be submitted if representative government is to remain a vital actual fact in this state.

This distrust of the people goes very deep. If the people's known will can be disregarded and discarded in so important a matter as their organic law—a matter that concerns every white man, woman and child in the state, as the recent trouble in North Carolina plainly indicates—then representative government becomes an unsafe dependence—a mere fiction, available only when the popular will suits the notions of representatives.

But it has been said that only the suffrage article needs amendment, and that a convention is not needed for that purpose.

In the first place, this statement of the situation is not within the pale of fact. The constitution is distrustful of the people. It was framed under exceptional pressure and circumstances, growing out of a great civil war, all of which have become memories only. It restricts the growth and progress of the state. It is thoroughly out of date, as nearly all constitutions are in prosperous communities after twenty years, and the state needs a new constitution, drawn on modern, although conservative, lines. The entire instrument needs remodelling. "Why not," says the Roanoke Leader, "array Alabama, the fairest daughter in the union, in a new and becoming robe, so that she will command not only the admiration of her people at home, but brains and capital from abroad?"

This does not, however, go to the marrow of the case. The people of the state ask for the submission of a convention proposition, not for the submission of an amendment. That should settle it. The representative who refuses to heed the desire of his constituents is not, except technically, a representative; and perhaps the best remedy now open for the people consists in the accumulation at some central point of a monster petition setting forth in black and white the will of the people concerning the constitution.—Age-Herald.

The Democratic party has started out on its old programme of making promises to the people that are not meant to be kept.

Why do the Democrats want a constitutional convention? There can be but one answer, and that is in order to disfranchise a portion of the citizens of the state.

The Democratic caucus has appointed a committee of five from the Senate and five from the House to draft a measure, calling a constitutional convention.

In another column will be found an article from the Age-Herald, in regard to the constitutional convention. There seems to be a systimatic scheme on foot by a lot of politicians to force a measure through the legislature, submitting the question to a vote as to whether or not a constitutional convention shall be called, knowing full well that the black belt theives will roll up a majority sufficiently large to call a constitutional convention.

THE SOUTH DAKOTA PLAN.

Direct legislation by the people has long been practiced in Switzerland, and the people of South Dakota at the November election adopted the plan, putting it in their state constitution. It provides that whenever 5 per cent. or more of the registered voters demand any legislative act, the legislature must at the next general state election submit the matter to the people. This is known in politics as the initiative and referendum. Then it provides that if 5 per cent or more of the voters object to a bill which the legislature has adopted, the bill cannot go into effect until it has been submitted to the people, and the verdict of the people determines its fate.

There may be weaknesses in the South Dakota plan; the bosses and the demagogues may be able to turn it to advantage; but as a general rule in American practice the more the people are trusted the better government becomes. The people are now known to be the safest depository of power.

Under the South Dakota plan class and franchise-grabbing bills cannot be flagrantly bad. A wholesome respect for the popular judgment forbids. The workings of the plan in the state of South Dakota will be closely watched. The people may like its operation, and extend it. Switzerland has no intention of returning wholly to indirect legislation.—Age-Herald.

A beneficent creator has sent the sunshine and the rain, and the harvests have been bountiful. And yet the work shops, the mines and the mills are idle or working on cut wages.

Reduced Rates to Selma.

On account of the Race Meet at Selma, Ala., December 6th and 8th, 1898, the Southern Railway will sell tickets from points on its lines between Memphis, Knoxville, Chattanooga, Rome, Atlanta and intermediate points, and from all points within a radius of one hundred miles of Selma, Ala., to Selma, Ala, and return at rate of one fare for the round trip. Tickets from points within a radius of one hundred miles will be sold December 5th to 8th inclusive, with final limit to return December 9th. Tickets from all other points will be sold December 5th and 6th with final limit to return December 9th.

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Brown Drill Canton Flannel at	5
10-4 Brown Shirtings at	12½
All-Wool Filling, double-width, Twilled Cashemeres, or Fancy Figured, per yard	10
Ladies' Hose, per pair	5
Childrens' Hose, all sizes, per pair	5
Ladies' Embroideried Handkerchiefs	5
1 Box Linen Writing Paper and Envelopes	5
2 spools Machine Thread	5
60-inch wide Turkey Red Table Cloth, at	25
Ladies' Corsets, all sizes, at	25
Ladies' double Capes, Collars and Upper Capes, trimmed with Santache fur, at	35
Heavy Melton Capes, trimmed with braid and fur	50
Ladies' Buckclay Black capes	2.00
Ladies' Silk Plush Capes	1.75
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COLUMBIANA MERCANTILE COMPANY.

Administrator's Notice.

Estate of J. S. Dyke, deceased. } Probate Court.

Letters of Administration on the Estate of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 9 day of November, 1898, by the Hon. A. P. Longshore Judge of the Probate Court of Shelby County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate, are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law, or the same will be barred.

J. R. DYKE,
Administrator of the Estate of J. S. Dyke, deceased.

Estray Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the following described animal was taken up by Van Cross on his premises on or about Nov. 5th, 1898, to-wit: One bay horse, about 12 years old, holds head high, two teeth gone from upper jaw, about 16½ hands high, a small scar on point of left shoulder, and one near top of the right shoulder, left fore foot has a large scar on inner side of leg passing from toe of hoof on innef side up and around under paster joint to outerside of foot, also a scar on outside of same joint, a little hog-backed with a few white hairs on right hip, and scar around under right paster joint, weight about 950 pounds, appraised at $25.00. Proceedings had before J. M. Farley, J. P., Bridgeton, Alabama.

A. P. LONGSHORE,
Judge of Probate.

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Non-Resident Notice.

The State of Alabama, Shelby Co.
Betsy A. Castleberry vs. Willie Castleberry.
In Chancery, Sixth District, North-Eastern Chancery Division.

In this cause, it is made to appear to the Register by the affidavit of J. L. Peters, that the defendant Willie Castleberry is a Non-Resident of the State of Alabama, and that his place of residence is unknown.

It is therefore ordered, by the Register, that publication be made in the Peoples Advocate, a newspaper published in the City of Columbiana, Ala. once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring him, the said Willie Castleberry to plead, answer or demur to the bill of complaint in this cause by the 19th day of December, A. D. 1898, or in thirty days thereafter, a decree pro confesso may be taken against him.

Done at office, in Columbiana, Ala., this 10th day of November, A. D. 1898.

J. R. WHITE,
Register.

Tax Collector's Notice.

I will attend at the following times and places for the purpose of collecting the State, County and Poll taxes for the year 1898:

SECOND ROUND.

Dunnavant, beat 18, Thursday, December 1
Vandiver, beat 14, Friday, December 2.
Vincent, beat 16, Saturday, December 3.
Creswell, beat 10, Monday, December 5.
Harpersville, beat 10, Tuesday, December 6.
Wilsonville, beat 9, Wednesday, December 7.
Columbiana, beat 1, Thursday, December 8.
Spring Creek, beat 2, Friday, December 9.
Shelby Iron Works, beat 1, Saturday, December 10.

Will be in Columbiana from December 19 to last of December, excepting the 25th. On all taxes not paid by January 1, 8 per cent interest and collector's fee will be charged. Poll taxes are delinquent after December 1.

JOHN H. ROBERTSON,
Tax Collector Shelby County.

DO YOU WEAR TEETH?

A queer way of attracting your attention, but we want it. We are kept busy making other people teeth, but will make yours also.

Have you teeth to fill?

Then don't wait until they ache, thereby saving much pain and expense. It pays to have teeth filled.

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Stop taking medicine to cure this trouble until you have removed the cause. Have your teeth put in good condition and it will do you more good than all the medicine about which anything is known. Then your food will be assimilated, your blood made richer and purer, and you will feel like a new person.

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We keep a full and complete line of Drugs, Chemicals, Toilet Articles, Staple Drugs, Paints, Oils—in fact everything usually kept in a FIRST-CLASS DRUG STORE. If we haven't got exactly what you want we make it a point to get it for you.

OUR PRICES—

are regular eye-openers, and are made with a view of catching your trade, and when once you become a customer of ours you will always be a customer if honest goods and fair prices count anything with you.

OUR PRESCRIPTION DEPARTMENT—

is complete in every particular. Prescriptions carefully filled day or night. Only the purest drugs that can be had are used and the utmost care and precision are exercised in compounding.

HALL DRUG COMPANY,

Columbiana, - Ala.

THE-:-PEOPLE'S-:-ADVOCATE

SOCIAL AND LOCAL NEWS.

Points About People You Know and Some You Don't Know. News From Different Beats.

Almanacs free, Colembiana Drug Co.

W. B. Browne, Esq., is in Chicago.

Will Bird is clerking for Williams Bros.

Dr. Gunn, of Calera, was in the city Tuesday.

Little Alger Robertson is quite sick pneumonia.

Will Parker lost one of his best horses Tuesday.

Remember the horse auction at Calera Saturday.

Benzine for cleaning clothes, full weight, 10 cents, Columbiana Drug Company.

G. W. Adams, of beat 9, was in the city Monday.

Epsom Salts 8 cts per lb, at Columbiana Drug Co.

W. L. Bryant, of Talladega, was in the city Saturday.

Use only Purity Starch, sold only by J. H. Hammond.

J. W. Dykes made a short visit to Wilsonville Sunday.

Best flavoring extracts, perfumery, toilet soaps, etc., in the city, Columbiana Drug Company.

D. R. McMillan, Esq., spent yesterday in Montgomery.

Sam Lefkovits spent several days in Bessemer this week.

See change of S. Stark's advertisement in another column.

Supt. Eugene Williams, of Vincent, was in the city Saturday.

22 pounds good sugar for $1.00.
J. H. Hammond.

J. S. Falkner spent a short while in Wilsonville Monday on business.

Gordon DuBose is having the front of his bank building repainted.

Go to J. H. Hammond for your Christmas goods and cheap groceries

Mrs. Augusta Wilson, of Montevallo, is visiting relatives in the city.

Go to J. H. Hammond and see the line of China and Celluloid goods.

Dr. Cheney's Expectorant, the best remedy for Coughs, Colds, Croup, etc., 25 and 50 cent sizes, Columbiana Drug Company.

George E. Mason is spending the week with friends at Auburn and Montgomery.

Miss Margrett Houser returned Saturday from a visit to relatives in Montevallo.

J. S. Pearson, of Gary, spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in the city.

Rev. W. I. Sinnott filled his regular appointment at the Presbyterian church Sunday.

Stuarts Gin and Buchee Invigorating Cordial, for all kinds of kidney troubles, irritated bladder, frequent micturition, etc., Columbiana Drug Co.

Mrs. H. C. Moss and children, of Calera, visited the family of W. A. Tallant Saturday and Sunday.

Jack Millstead, of Wilsonville, was here Sunday having an affending tooth pacified by Dr. Lovett.

M. S. Wilson, of Longview, was shaking hands with his many friends in the city last Saturday.

Christmas goods now open and on sale, cheap for cash, at
J. H. Hammond's.

An old dress made new. Diamond Dyes. All colors 9 cts per package at Columbiana Drug Co.

A nickle saved is a nickle made. Make money by buying your drugs, etc, from the Columbiana Drug Co.

Mrs. Mary Parker and daughter Miss Nellie, returned last Thursday from a visit to relatives in Montevallo.

Walter O'Hara has resigned his position at Williams Bros. drug store, and is now working at the L. & N. depot for his father.

Jim Evans, formerly of this place, but now of Wilsonville, has a fine girl at his house. The mother and child are both doing well.

Jim Page is now clerking for the Columbiana Mercantile Co., where he will be pleased to wait on his many friends and former customers.

The supper given at the residence of Mrs. Laura Armstrong last Friday evening for the benefit of the Baptist church, was quite an enjoyable affair, and proved successful from a financial standpoint.

In the death of Mr. D. C. Davis, of Vincent on the 29th of November, Shelby county has lost one of its best citizens. He served as commissioner from his district a number of years, and made a splendid officer. He was in the prime of life, and in his death the county loses one of its truest men. The Advocate extends its sympathy to the bereaved family in their sad affliction.

Notice to Subscribers.

Parties indebted to The Advocate will please call at my office and settle, and especially those I have been carrying from year to year. It takes money to run a paper, and the printer has got to have something to eat.

Boys Take Notice.

You will not be allowed to shoot fire crackers on the streets of Columbiana only from Saturday the 24th, at 3 p. m., until 10 o'clock Monday night December the 26th.
J. H. Hammond,
Dealer in fireworks.

For Rent.

I have a splendid farm situated within the incorporate limits of Columbiana, together with stock to cultivate the same, which I desire to rent at a reasonable price; also I have a splendid farm in the Kingdom for rent. For further information, call on me or write me.
MRS. M. L. GERMAN,
Columbiana, Ala.

A Local Assignment.

The firm of G. M. C. Stricklin, grocer, made an assignment Saturday, naming B. L. Moore, as the assignee. We were unable to learn the resources or liabilities of the firm, or the cause of the assignment, but suppose it was due to the overwhelming competition. Quite a number of changes have taken place during the past few months in our local commercial circle, and unless cotton brings a better price, we may see other changes during the next twelve months.

Old Time Christmas Party.

There will be an entertainment at the college building on the evening of December 23, 1898, given for the benefit of the Orphans' Home at Talladega, Ala. It will be something new in the way of entertainments—an "Old time Christmas Party." Thirty will take part in it, composed of young ladies, gentlemen and children from the different Sunday schools. Everybody is invited to attend. Admission, 25 cents for grown persons and 10 cents for children. This cause should commend itself to everybody, and it is to be hoped a good crowd will attend. They will have a most enjoyable evening and help in a good cause.

The first auction sale of horses ever held in Calera, will take place at Seale's Livery Yard on Saturday, December 10, at 10 a. m. These fine Wyoming horses, imported by the McKnight Bros., will be sold to the highest bidder—3, 6 and 9 months time will be given on deferred payments; interest at 6 per cent. Special excursion rates can be had for this sale from Columbiana, Montevallo, Longview, Jemison, Clanton, Shelby and other points on the L. & N. and Southern railroads.

"Whenever you see ladies begin to patronize a store," said a gentleman on the streets last Saturday, "you may be assured that they have found a good thing, and judging from the patronage the ladies are giving the Columbiana Drug Company, I should judge that they have recognized the fact this concern is a good thing, and they propose to push it along by giving it their patronage. The enterprise is certainly filling a long-felt want."

As Christmas draws near, our thoughts naturally revert to the time-honored custom of the Christmas tree. Now we want and we must have an old fashioned Christmas tree, with a real Santa Claus. Let us all come together on this, and with a long and steady pull we will be sure of one.

We are agents in this district for the New Royal sewing machine, the best on the market, with all new improvements, which we will sell for cash or on easy payments.
Columbiana Mercantile Co.

Roasted coffee, 10 pounds for $1.00 at
J. H. Hammond's.

Don't forget to bring us in that Christmas turkey for a years subscription.

We are going to have a Christmas tree and don't you forget it.

John Harper, of Elliottsville, spent Sunday in the city.

Saginaw Dots.

Health good.

Mr. Editor if you will allow me space, I will continue to keep up the correspondence while Proditor is absent.

A. Leonard transacted business at Pelham Saturday.

Mrs. Lula Daviston, of Dogwood, is visiting relatives here this week.

Wesley Ozley sold cotton at 5-35 in Birmingham last Thursday.

Miss Leila Wilson visited relatives at East Saginaw Thursday and Friday.

John Payne and family attended preaching at Highland Sunday.

Saginaw has an interesting little Sunday school. The intermediate class held the banner ult., and the infant class holds it inst.

LEX.

Vincent.

"Jack Frost" is visiting us often and from all appearances we will have a snow soon.

Miss Jessie Dean, a charming young lady of the Magic City, after a two weeks visit to our town, returned home Saturday, carrying more than one kid's (Kidd's) heart with her this time.

W. H. Kidd went down Sunday to Montevallo to visit his daughter Ethel, who is attending the Polytechinc Institute.

Mr. G. C. Pitts and Miss Flory Montgomery attended preaching at Harpersville Sunday.

There were a crowd of men in town Saturday, as it was tax paying day. Collector Robertson and Assessor Pitts were kept busy.

Our town now boasts of a very neat little calaboose, which looms up as a warning to all offenders. Boys look out for "Mr. Johnson."

Our young preacher, Rev. J. T. Self attended conference at Huntsville last week and was assigned to the Millville circuit for the ensuing year. He left Friday for his field of labor. May his efforts be crowned with success.

"Wedding Bells" very suddenly broke the stillness of last Sunday morning. Miss Della Carter and Mr. Gett Harris were united in the holy bonds of matrimony, Rev. R. A. Kidd officiating. May their pathway be strewn with earths most fragrant flowers, no unhappiness mar their journey through their bright young lives.

"The Vincent Amateurs" will give a concert in the Academy Thursday night, Dec. 22nd, at 7:30 p. m. They promise the audience spell-bound entertainment during the performance. We cordially invite the attendance of the public as an encouragement in their good work.

Mrs. W. J. Florey, of Harpersville, visited relatives in this place last week.

J. J. Vincent, we are glad to say, is improving from a severe attack of fever.

We regret to learn of the death of Mrs. Neil Adams, which occured Saturday last. She has been a great sufferer and 'tis sweet to know that she has gone to that better world where pain and sorrow is unknown.

On Tuesday night, Nov. 29th, Angels whispered to Mr D. C. Davis, "thy work is finished, come up higher;" and he gently passed from earth to Heaven. This death has caused a shadow of gloom and sadness to envelop our community. To the grief-stricken ones, we tender our heart-felt sympathies.

"Oh! hearts that ache at what must be,
And eyes that weep such bitter tears
As we pass through 'Gethsemane' alone
And full of griefs and fears.
There'll come a morning bright, when we
Shall cast all thoughts of grief away;
For face to face we then shall see,
And reign with him that glorious day."

QUID NUNC.

Spring Creek.

Health good.

Crops are about all gathered.

Our farmers are rather behind time in sowing wheat and oats, owing to the bad weather.

We are now having some very nice weather in which to finish up gathering.

Geo. Busby, of near Farmer, went to Columbiana one day last week on business, I presume.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. Hugh Merrell's little boys leg rose again. Dr. H. I. Williams of Columbiana, opened it and taken out another piece of bone. We wish for him a speedy recovery.

I think that old King cotton has about become dethroned; now lets figure a little and see what to do for the best. Well now, subtract less cotton and more misery from more cotton and more misery and we have a remainder of a few days to go fishing. No mistake in this calculation.

Some of our neighbors are receiving at this time very nice lots of fruit trees from a Verginia nursery.

J. Glenn, one of Shelby's business young men who has been ill so long with typhoid fever, is up and about again we are glad to state.

I am very sorry to state that some of our neighbors were unnecessarily compelled, at the expense of the state to appear before the county court in defense of boy's fun represented by the plaintiff as a case of petit larceny.

It is strange indeed that our citizens can't learn that lawyers don't live on cotton seed and grass hoppers alone.

PEARK.

BUSIER AND BUSIER.

A Magnificent and Tremendous Stock of Boy's, Youths and Mens' Clothing Just Received From the Largest Manufactures of New York City, Will be Now Sold at Manufacturtng Cost.

NOW IS YOUR CHANCE EVERY SALE A BARGAIN SALE.

Our Special Sale brought in a great many people. They all agree that our prices can not be duplicated. We promise to protect the interest of our customers by providing the best goods, the newest and the finest goods. From the fact that every one trading with us gets a square deal or nothing. We tell just exactly what you are buying, or in other words we sell truthful goods, that is the whole story. "Honesty is the best policy." We try to make an honest profit, and a little as possible, so that the buyer may come back to us. This we have shown the people since our 8 years stay here.

Just Compare These Invincible Prices:

Augusta, Ga., best yard wide sheeting, extra heavy, at 4 cents.
Extra heavy 5 cent cotton checks, now 3 cents.
Beautiful patterns 8 cents, Rescue Plaids now a yard 5 cents.
10 balls, No. 1 thread, full weight, for 5 cents.
An elegant line of Sateens, just arrived, from Rhode Island Mills, beautiful patters, lovely Designs and Brocaded, reap this great value at 6 cents.
Stylish colors, Ducking Dress Patterns. fast colors, guaranteed the Best Value, regular 10 cents, now 6 1-2 cents.
Just for this season, extra heavy, wide ouring, 5 1-2 cents.
Kings Best Machine Thread, 200 yards on a spool, 2 cents.
Another big lot of Woolen Breadfast shawls, 10 cents.
Solid colors sateens, Blue, Black and Brown, it can not be beat for the price, now 5 cents.
Bundle of Duck, known all over the State as 90 cents, only 70 cents.

Solid Ladies Polka Shoes, come and get it at 69 cents.
Solid Glove grain button or lace, Ladies Shoes now at 94 cents.

CONSIDER THESE BARGAINS IN CLOTHING:

Boys' coat well made, now 60 cents.
Boys' suits, well finished, sizes 4 to 14, for 85 cents.
Youth's suits, coat, vest and pants, elegantly made, a good fit, a strong Woolen Cheviot $1.55,
Youth's pants, all wool, tailor made, 60 cents.
Men's solid black woolen pants, all sizes, a tremendous line at cost now, 75 cents.
Men's all wool, dark brown suits, good finished, this can not be duplicated, at $2.75.
Men's suits, good made, fit nicely, especially for the price, now sold at $1.75.
Solid Black Worsted Suits at $3.75.

Quality, Quantity and Prices each defy competition. Others may deal out disjointed chat about their goods, but the open honor truth can not be capped or handicapped. The truth about our prices is that, they are so crushed that they can not rise again.

We expect you, part your continued patronage. Just as long as you find that we give you more and treat you better than any other dealer.

Accept our friendly invitation and come by the well beaten path that leads to our store. Courteous welcome, amiable clerks, friendly treatment, finest merchandise and Lowest Prices.

COME.

S. STARK, Shelby, Alabama.

Wilsonville Items.

J. F. Pope made a business trip to Birmingham last week.

Josh Baker, of Fourmile, was in town Saturday.

J. W. Kytle is on the sick list this week.

Lon Smith made a business trip to Birmingham last Wednesday.

The singing given by Miss Laura Weldon Friday night was a success.

Say G. and R. how came you to get left the other night?

J. R. Black has been very sick for several days, but is able to be up again.

Sam Wallace, a very energetic young man from the River, was the escort of Miss Blossom Densler to the singing Friday night. Sam we object to this.

L. A. Bradley, of Fourmile, is attending school at this place.

The musical performance given here last Wednesday night was a success. The imitating of the Southern negro was so ludicrous.

Rev. A. E. Burns filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church Sunday, and delivered an able sermon to a large and attentive congregation.

Will McEwen was missing Sunday evening. Was he at Fourmile Sager?

OCCASIONAL.

Weldon.

Health good.

J. E Adams spent last week on Bear Creek.

C. Cooper went to Birmingham on business last Friday.

J. A. Cowart went to Coosa Valley on business Saturday.

John Gardner and Robert Moss paid Birmingham a trip last week.

J. M. Spearman and Duff Day went to Vincent one day last week.

Elias McCollough spent Sunday with D. W. Sharbutt.

Oscar Lybrand, of Cobb, paid Weldon a trip last week.

Bill Berton, of Childersburg, was the guest of D. W. Sharbutt one day last week.

J. M. Baldwin, Jr., spent Sunday with W. Gardner.

WILD BILL.

The highest thoughts of some women are of new bonnets.

Sterrett.

Health not good.

Elias Cosper is quite feble at this writing.

A lot of bad colds in our community.

Joel H. Falkner made a business trip to Birmingham and Oxmoor last week.

R. E. Cosper is visiting at Jemison this week.

Mrs. Ada Goodwin who has been visiting home folks, returned to her home at Brighton Sunday.

J. M. Payton made a business trip to Goodwater last week.

Dr. McGraw was in our midst last Friday.

Jate Falkner made a business trip to Birmingham last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jobe Falkner left last Monday for Anniston to see their daughter, Mrs. Cooper.

Miss Emma Falkner, who has been visiting her sister Mrs. Jarrett of Woodlawn, returned home Sunday.

Bob Falkner, of Leeds, was in our midst last week.

Success to The Advocate.

QUAKER.

Redlawn News.

Health good with few exceptions.

The fruit supper at Mr. James Taylor was a grand success.

J. N. Lyon and W. N. Miner went to Pelham Sunday dear hunting, and especially Mr. Miner.

The candy braking at Mr. Andrew Richardson's was greatly enjoyed by the young people of Redlawn.

Eugene Richardson, of Waxahatchie, was in our community last Wednesday.

Lewis and Willis Mooney, of Beeswax, attended the candy braking at Mr. Richardson's last Wednesday night.

Miss Lola Strickland spent Sunday with Miss Mattie Bradley.

L. B. Riddle was the guest of Miss Alma Jackson Saturday night.

Miss Eva Farr who has charge of the Center High School, spent Sunday with home folks.

Success to The Advocate and its many readers.

NIDE.

Days Cross Roads.

Health good.

The farmers are about done gathering.

The ball given by Miss Ida Cowart was enjoyed by all who attended.

The singing at Mr. Fancher's last Saturday night was a success, but some of the boys went home in the rain. How about it boys?

J. T. Bozeman and J. M. Spearman made a business trip to Birmingham this week.

John Cowart and John Gardner went to Birmingham last week.

Mr. Nichols, of Childersburg, was in our settlement last week on business.

Miss Birtie Downs, of Harpersville, visited relatives and friends in our community last week. Come again Miss Birtie, you are always welcome.

Marion Baldwin was in our town last Saturday on business.

Bud Rilant, of Shelby, was visiting his sister, Mrs. Alice Baldwin this week. Come again Bud.

If you want good goods cheap, go to J. M. Spearman, Main street, Weldon, Ala.

Well, Edge, we have some of the prettiest girls in the state in our town. If you don't believe it and have not got time to come and see, ask Sager of Lewis.

RED X.

Corinth Hob-Nobs.

Health moderately good.

Peter Juzan went to Calera Friday on business.

J. T. Comer transacted business in Montevallo Thursday.

A. C. Robinson, of Spring Junction, is sowing wheat in this neighborhood.

Mrs. Margeret Collum, of Simmon's Switch, is visiting the family of J. T. Comer.

George, Thomas and Sam Hale, of Saginaw, gave us a visit last Friday.

J. B. Comer, who has been in attendance to county court, returned home Saturday.

The weather being so cold, there wasn't any preaching at the church Sunday.

MAX.

Tax Assessor's Notice.

I will attend at the following times and places for the purpose of assessing the State, County and Poll taxes for the year 1899:

SECOND ROUND.

Helena, beat 6, Monday, November 14.
Bond, beat 5, Tuesday, November 15.
Gurnee, beat 4, Wednesday, November 16.
Aldrich, beat 4, Thursday, November 17.
Montevallo, beat 4, Friday, November 18.
Calera, beat 3, Saturday, November 19.
Bold Springs, beat 13, Monday, November 21.
Highland, beat 12, Tuesday, November 22.
Pelham, beat 17, Wednesday, November 23.
Ganadarque, beat 7, Thursday, November 24.
Martin's, beat 8, Monday, November 28.
Day's X Roads, beat 11, Tuesday, November 29.
Sterrett, beat 15, Wednesday, November 30.
Dunnavant, beat 18, Thursday, December 1.
Vandiver, beat 14, Friday, December 2.
Vincent, beat 16, Saturday, December 3.
Creswell, beat 10, Monday, December 5.
Harpersville, beat 10, Tuesday, December 6.
Wilsonville, beat 9, Wednesday, December 7.
Columbiana, beat 1, Thursday, December 8.
Spring Creek, beat 2, Friday, December 9.
Shelby Iron Works, beat 1, Saturday, December 10.

Tax payers will please meet me promptly with a legal description of real estate. I would especially call your attention to town property. Under the law the Tax Assessor is responsible for misdescription of the property, and I can not receive any property of this kind unless you furnish me with the block and lot number, or such a description as will enable any one to locate the property. Bring a correct list of all your personal property. Will be in Columbiana from December 19 to last of December, excepting the 25th. In order that I may not be rushed, I would ask tax payers to meet me on first round. Tax books will positively be closed March 1.

JNO S. PITTS.
Tax Assessor Shelby County.

B. W. BRAND
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA.
Solicits Practice, collections a Specialty. Criminal law recieves special attention. I refer to my record at the Columbiana Bar.

INTERESTING ITEMS.

The income of the principal charitable institutions having their headquarters in London amounts to over $35,000,000 per annum.

Mrs. Frederick Douglass, widow of the colored orator, is to go on the lecture platform to deal with the history of the colored race in this country.

According to official returns there were 182 distilleries at work in United Kingdom last year. Of these, 143 were in Scotland, 28 in Ireland and only 11 in England.

A memorial tablet in memory of Emperor Frederick has been erected at San Remo, Italy, by the German Veteran's Association. The tablet was cast from the metal of old cannon.

Charles M. Polk, one of the men indicted at Kansas City, Mo., for alleged train robbing, is a grandson of ex-Governor Polk, of Delaware, and a direct descendent of President James K. Polk.

A large orphan asylum in St. Petersburg is supported by the tax on playing cards.

Make It a Point

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Health is too valuable to be trifled with. Do not experiment. Get Hood's Sarsaparilla and you will have the best medicine money can buy — the medicine that cures when all others fail. You have every reason to expect it will do for you what it has done for others. Remember

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Write us or call at our mammoth bicycle house and we will tell you all about it.

The oldest and largest house in the south. New and second-hand wheels of every make. Repair department complete.

The Loosley Cycle Company,

Second Ave., (opp. P. O.) BIRMINGHAM, Ala.

A Backsliding Princess.

Like all the royal family of Hawaii, from the days of the missionaries down, Princess Ruth was a nominal Christian, or at least a church member. But about thirty years ago there was a lava flow from Mauna Loa which threatened to engulf and destroy Hilo. Continuous prayer meetings were held in the foreign church in Hilo to avert the threatened destruction. But steadily nearer the white-hot stream of melted lava came.

At last Princess Ruth, throwing aside all her pretensions of Christianity, made a pilgrimage to Hawaii, forced her way to the very edge of Kilauea's burning lake, and there made sacrifice and prayers to Pele, the goddess of fire. At the very hour of this act of devotion the lava flow stopped and Hilo was saved. This had the effect of securing great popularity for Princess Ruth among the natives, and very near the effect of undoing fifty years' work of the missionaries.—Chicago Record.

NERVOUS DEPRESSION.

[A TALK WITH MRS. PINKHAM.]

A woman with the blues is a very uncomfortable person. She is illogical, unhappy and frequently hysterical.

The condition of the mind known as "the blues," nearly always, with women, results from diseased organs of generation.

It is a source of wonder that in this age of advanced medical science, any person should still believe that mere force of will and determination will overcome depressed spirits and nervousness in women. These troubles are indications of disease.

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ALABAMA LEGISLATURE.

Bill for Constitutional Convention.

Senator Jenkins Monday introduced in the senate a bill providing for a vote in the state at the election in August, 1899, to determine whether the state shall hold a constitutional convention. Secretary Jenkins hopes to be successful in passing the bill through the senate. He has polled that body and claims the chances are in his favor, though the vote will be close. Should the bill first pass the senate it will be sure of a majority vote in the house, unless the present sentiment is changed. The Jenkins bill provides for the holding of the convention in September, 1899, and for the election of members of the convention at the election in August, when voting on the question of convention or no convention.

In the senate the Phœnix club bill was reported back with amendment favorably and placed on the calendar. The amendment makes the club not liable for license when drinks are served with meals. A number of local bills were passed. The inaugural programme was reported and adopted for December 1. The joint committee on recess reported that a recess be taken on December 13 and the Assembly meet again on January 24, which was adopted.

In the house the bill was passed to incorporate Decatur. Bills were introduced: To elect solicitors by people by Mr. Reynolds; for dog tax by Mr. Henry; to increase the Confederate pension tax to ¾ of a mill by Mr. Houston; to amend section 4583 of code to pay state witnesses $1.50 and 5 cents a mile. The bill to have the Mobile liquor license paid in state treasury is being discussed.

Tuesday's Session.

By far the most important bill of this day, and, after all, the most important of the session, except that one raising the revenues—the bill presented in the house by Mr. Brandon from the committee on appropriations, providing for the ordinary expenses of the three great branches of our state government. The greatest point of public interest is the increase of $80,000 a year for the public schools. That is, $80,000 a year, based on this year's income from all taxes on real and personal property. After the present school year ends, the school money from the sources mentioned can be roughly estimated at $430,000, instead of $350,000; and this increase will go on rising automatically as the value of real and personal property in the state increases. This thus becomes the most favorable step taken in many years for the benefit of the common schools of the state.

There are really few changes now from the appropriations of two years ago. The clerk to the attorney-general is dispensed with altogether; the work of that office being comparatively very light. The compensation of the reporter to the supreme court is reduced from $900 a volume of the reports as painted to $700 a volume, and the pay of the secretary to the chief justice is reduced from $1,500 to $1,200. The secretary of the senate and clerk of the house are allowed $300 each for copying and indexing their respective journals, as compared with $450 heretofore. A clerk to secretary of state is dispensed with, and compensation for assistant marshal and chairman to the supreme court is not provided.

A change of importance to solicitors provides that each solicitor shall receive commissions of 10 per cent on all sums over and above $2,400 earned by him and actually collected. The law heretofore has given each solicitor 30 per cent of the first $1,000 over $2,400; 15 per cent on $2,000, and 10 per cent on earnings that exceeded those figures.

Senator Case, of DeKalb, introduced the following resolution:

"Be it resolved, that it is the sense of this senate that any movement by the legislature, at this time, looking to the calling of a constitutional convention for the state, would be improper." Referred to the committee on rules.

Mr. Cunningham introduced a bill to regulate the sentence and employment of convicts in this state; to appropriate 50 per centum of the net earnings of the convict system to the fine and forfeiture fund of the several counties, and to provide for the inspection of jails.

Several bills of local interest were passed by both branches of the house.

Wednesday.

Representative Brandon today introduced in the house one of the most important measures that will be considered by the present assembly. The bill seeks to make a poll tax receipt a necessary qualification to become an elector in Alabama. The bill provides that all money collected from poll tax is to be devoted to the support of public schools.

In the senate Mr. Cunningham's police commission bill providing for the election of the commission by the people of Birmingham passed the senate without a dissenting vote.... House bill 37 which provides for the reduction of the bond of the state treasurer from $250,000 to $150,000 was passed .... Following additional bills were passed by the senate: To prohibit the sale, giving away, or otherwise disposing of any spirituous, vinous or malt liquors, or any intoxicating drinks, bitters or beverages, in the rooms, house or buildings of any club, social, business or other kind, incorporated under the laws of Alabama, without first obtaining a regular retail liquor dealer's license therefor, as required under the laws of Alabama; to incorporate the town of Tuskegee .... A number of house bills were received and referred to the appropriate committees.

In the house the motions made by Mr. Kyle yesterday to reconsider the vote by which house bill 50, to increase the salaries of convict inspectors, was passed and to table his own motion to reconsider, was the first business of the session. The house sustained the motion to table by a decisive vote, and the bill was sent to the senate without engrossing.... Mr. Harris of Lee, moved to reconsider the vote of yesterday by which house bill 125, "to make the fees of constables the same as sheriffs' when performing the same or similar duties," was passed. After examination of the bill he desired to have his county excluded. The bill was made a special order for Friday at 12 o'clock.... House bill 139, making malicious poisoning of certain animals a felony, was next considered. Mr. Robinson moved that in order to prevent wrangling all amendments to the bill offered yesterday be withdrawn and leave the bill in its original shape, so as to refer only to Wilcox county. There was no objection to this motion. Amendments were then offered in the jurisdiction of the bill: Marengo, Baldwin, Washington, Coffee, Barbour, Bullock, Covington, Bibb, Marshall, Mobile, Crenshaw, Conecuh and Macon. It was then passed. The house concurred in the senate amendment to house bill 119, which increased the auditor's salary from $2,000, as voted by the house last week, to $2,400. Mr. Kyle's bill to authorize Morgan county to hold an election to determine if the county would issue $75,000 of bonds to build good roads, passed the house this morning. The bill was amended by Mr. Brandon so as to include Tuskaloosa county. Secretary Proctor reported a number of bills and resolutions originated and passed by the senate.

Thursday—Gov. Johnston Inaugurated.

Hon. Joseph Forney Johnston was today inaugurated governor of the state of Alabama, to serve a second term. There was no especial demonstration. It was purely a formal matter, and the time consumed in the ceremonies was only six and three-quarter minutes. There was no procession of carriages from the hotels down town up Dexter avenue to the capital. Nor was there any military display. Around the capital an outsider would not have recognized that an event of great state importance was transpiring within.

This morning's session of the house was devoted exclusively to routine business. The standing committees reported many bills favorably.

A message was received from the governor transmitting to the house the list of pardons made by him during his two years in office. The message was referred to the committee on penitentiary and criminal administration, without reading. A message from the senate was received transmitting to the house a number of bills. The speaker signed several bills, and at 11:45 o'clock the house took an informal recess to await the arrival of the senate for the inauguration.

Bills were passed by the house as follows:

To make the fees of constables the the same as sheriff's when they perform the same or similar services, the counties of Lee, Walker, Tallapoosa, Limestone, Barbour, Marshall and Lawrence excluded; to amend section 1 of an act entitled "An act to prescribe the duties and qualifications of attorneys and councellors at law, and to regulate their admission to practice in the courts of the state."

In the senate a joint resolution was received from the house asking the superintendent of education to furnish the general assembly with a list of teachers employed in the state.... The joint resolution appointing two servants to serve in the senate was read and passed.... The following bills were read a third time and passed: To authorize Jackson county to build macadamized roads and bridges and to issue bonds of the county to aid in the construction and building thereof with amendment; to prevent hunting on land in Jefferson county without written consent of the owner; to establish a county court for the county of Clay.

A message was received from the governor embodying a list of pardons granted and reasons therefor, which was referred to committee on penitentiary, prisons and punishment. On motion of Mr. Caffee the senate adjourned for thirty minutes to attend the inauguration of Governor Johnston. Upon reconvening after attending the inauguration exercises in the hall of the house, the senate took up the reports of the committees. Several bills were favorably reported and ordered on the calendar.

Bill 135, to regulate the working of children under the age of 12 years in mines and factories in the state of Alabama, but not to apply to prisoners serving sentences for violation of the laws, was then taken up and created much discussion. The bill passed by a vote of 20 to 6. The senate then adjourned.

Friday's Session.

The Birmingham Police Commission bill is being hung up in conference. The bill passed by the house abolishes the commission. The senate adopted a substitute providing for the retention of the commission and the election of the commissioners by the people.

In the senate Mr. Cunningham had called up out of its order his bill to create an auditor for Jefferson county and amended so as to make the salary $2.000, instead of $2,500, and as amended the bill passed. Mr. Cunningham also introduced in the senate a bill to establish a police commission for Bessemer: It is on the order of the Birmingham board, and the commissioners are to be appointed by the governor. Mr. Nunnellee presented a bill to regulate all insurance companies. It requires a depsit to be made with the treasurer of every company doing business in the state.

In the house the day was taken up with a discussion of local bills. Mr. Davidson introduced a bill to require the commissioners' court of Jefferson county to have prepared and published a map of all public highways and principal streams of said county, with accurate mileage thereof. Mr. Mitchell introduced a bill to amend an act to provide for the collection of taxes.

Saturday—Bryan at Montgomery.

The visit of Col. William J. Bryan to the capitol today was the event of the session of the legislature. A telegram was sent the Nebraskan yesterday, and on his arrival here he was met by a committee from both houses. He agreed to stop and spend the day, provided he was not to make a speech. He was escorted to the capitol, where he held an informal reception in the hall of the house of representatives.

The conference committee having in charge the Birmingham police commission bills today agreed upon the senate bill, with a few alterations. This measure retains the police commission and makes the members elective, the present board to hold until their successors are elected by the people at the municipal election next May. As amended and accepted the senate bill makes the number of commissioners seven instead of five, and gives the mayor charge of the city prison.

In the senate Mr. Moody introduced a bill to regulate the capital stock of the Tuscaloosa Coal and Iron Company. Mr. Thompson introduced a bill to provide for compulsory vaccination in public schools and generally for the protection of the public against smallpox. Mr. Cunningham introduced a bill to incorporate the East Lake Water Company.

The chair then announced the senate would take a recess of thirty minutes and repair to the hall of the house to hear the Hon. W. J. Bryan address the general assembly.

The house held a very short session today. The news that Colonel William J. Bryan would spend the day in the city and address the assembly had diverted the minds of the solons from local legislation. Mr. Pettus, from the committee to meet Colonel Bryan, reported that he accepted the committee's invitation to address the assembly at 11 o'clock. The senate and state officials were invited to seats on the floor to hear the speech of Colonel Bryan and an informal recess of sixty minutes was was taken.

Mr. Jones introduced a bill to regulate the holding of teachers' institutes. Also to fix the time when the poll tax becomes available as school funds. Other bills introduced were of a local nature.

On call for report of committees, a number of bills were reported favorably, read and placed on the calendar. A message was received from the governor, transmitting the report of the board of trustees of the University of Alabama, which was read and referred to the committee on education.

The senate reconvened at 12:20 and bills on the calendar were taken and on a motion of Senator Wiley senate bill 88 was put on special order for Friday, the 9th.

At 12:30 the senate adjourned to meet Monday at 10:30.

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The American fleet achieved a great victory over Admiral Cervera at Santiago, but not one of the vanquished ships of the Spanish fleet remains to be made a spectacle for the gratification of the triumphant nation. The Maria Teresa, wrecked on the coast of the island on which Columbus is said to have landed, tells a story of disappointment for the victor. A like feeling, but more bitter, attends the removal by the Spanish from Havana of the remains of Columbus. His discovery of a new world gave Spain wealth and empire for 400 years, but the pride of conquest ends in disaster, and the return of the discoverer's ashes to the peninsula coincides with the close of Spain's colonial career. Should a storm swallow up the vessel that bears back to Europe all of Columbus that is mortal, what an ending of the great romance that began in 1492! The moral is, of course, the futility of human hopes, the brevity of human greatness. Empire won by violence and administered with injustice is an insecure possession. We seize the Philippines, but what will be the sequel of this high-handed proceeding when the drama of fate is played out to the last act? Might makes right, as between nations, perhaps, but only in a narrow sense and for periods that count as but brief days. A policy essentially immoral can never be wise for a nation any more than for an individual.—Baltimore Sun.

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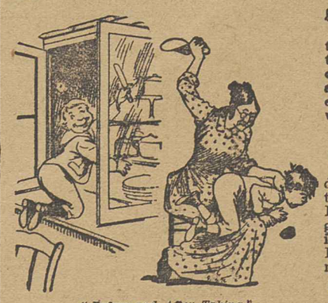

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SPANIARDS CRUSHED; AMERICANS COMPLACENT.

Treaty as Signed Consists of Seventeen Articles—Graphic Description of What Will Be a Memorable Act—List of Those Who Signed the Papers.

PARIS.—The treaty of peace was signed at 8:45 o'clock Saturday evening. A long session and a subsequent recess were due only to the fact that each article of the treaty had to be carefully read and compared in Spanish and English, and to the fact that the engrossing of the last article in Spanish was incomplete.

The Americans were first to arrive at the foreign office, the Spaniards coming half an hour later. Senor Montero Rios, president of the Spanish commission, ascended the steps leaning on a cane and bundled up in a fur coat. The Americans shook hands with the Spaniards when the latter entered the conference hall. The faces of the representatives of Spain were exceedingly solemn. Apparently they regarded the occasion as a funeral one.

After being photograped the commissioners listened to the reading of the treaty until 5:15, at which hour they took a recess until 7 o'clock, while awaiting the arrival of the last sections of the treaty.

The treaty as signed consists of seventeen articles, it having been found advisable to subdivide two or three of the articles in the draft agreed upon at the last meeting. The commissioners of the two nations wrote their signatures on two copies of the treaty, one copy being for the archives. The document was prepared by Secretary Moore in behalf of the United States commission, and by Senor Villarutia for Spain on account of the continued illness of Secretary Ojeda of the Spanish commission. Each copy contained the English and Spanish texts of the treaty in parallel columns. The wording had been approved previously by the commissions without a joint meeting, so there was no controversy on this subject.

The signing of the treaty would have afforded a subject for a great historical painting. The party gathered about the table in the stately chamber of the foreign office was impressive in itself, while the fact that a sense of the momentousness of the issues which the act decided was deeply felt by all the participants gave an impressive and solemn tone to the scene. Around the great mahogany table sat the ten arbiters of the destinies of an old and a young nation. Behind them were numerous attaches of the commissions. To the Americans it was a happy ending of the war; to the Spaniards it was plainly a bitter tragedy, none the less painful because long foreseen. They sat silently, as though almost crushed, and none could withhold sympathy from Senor Montero Rios, who, coming from his bed, was bundled in a great overcoat, though logs were burning in the fireplace nearby.

Arthur Ferguson then proceeded to read first the English and after that the Spanish version of the treaty. This finished, the two copies were passed around the table, the commissioners signing in the order of their rank, as follows: Wm. R. Day, Senator Cushman K. Davis, Senator Wm. P. Frye, Whitelaw Reid, Senator George Gray, Senor Montero Rios, Senor Abarzuza, Senor Garcina, Senor Villarutia, Gen. Cerero y'Saons.

COL. BRYAN WILL RESIGN.

Within the Next Ten Days He Will Be Out of the Army.

A special from Savannah, Ga., says: Col. William Jennings Bryan, colonel of the Third Nebraska infantry, has either forwarded his resignation to Washington or is about to do so. Of this there seems to be no doubt. Saturday he called upon Gen. Lee, commander of the Seventh corps, and Gen. Keifer, commander of the First division of the corps of which Col. Bryan's regiment is a part, and is understood to have announced his intention of quiting the service. Gen. Lee is to sail for Cuba on the transport Panama Sunday and Col. Bryan is believed to have hastened his decision in order that he might acquaint his corps commander with his intention prior to his departure for the island.

RAPIDLY EVACUATING

Spaniards Retiring from Towns in Havana Province.

The Spanish Evacuation commission at Havana informed the American commission Saturday that the evacuation Bejucal, Santiago de Las Vegas, Rincon, Vento, San Felipe and all the other small towns in the eastern part of Havana province will take place Saturday. These places include all the railway stations on the route to Matanzas. The Spaniards will retire from Regia and Guanabacoa on Monday.

The mortality in Santa Clara is 24 per cent. less now than it was before the Red Cross society began its distribution of relief supplies.

Alabama's Revenue Receipts.

Statistics obtained from the office of the United States internal revenue collector in Birmingham show that the receipts since the war tax has been effective has been as follows: July, 1898, $70,156; August, $37,943; September, $42,358; October, $38,809; November, $44,204. The receipts for the present month will be $50,000. During sixteen months ending November 30, internal revenue receipts in this state have amounted to $434,932, which is only $63,000 less than the total receipts for the four years preceding August, 1897. This demonstates the remarkable growth of the government's receipts in the state, and may be regarded as good evidence of Alabama's prosperity.

More Gunboats to be Sent to Dewey.

Admiral Dewey's fleet will be strengthened shortly by the addition of some serviceable gunboats. The admiral will have a sufficient force of small vessels under his command to carry out the president's policy respecting the Philippines, and to bring into submission any of the islanders who may prove refactory and to release any Spanish prisoners held in confinement by the insurgents.

E. G. Rathbone Appointed.

Hon. E. G. Rathbone, of Ohio, ex-assistant postmaster-general has been appointed to take charge of the postal service in Cuba.

The Texas Cotton Crop.

Thirty-six members of the Cotton Exchange at Houston have just finished their estimates of the cotton crop of Texas. The highest estimate is 3,900,000 bales, the lowest 3,400,000 and the average 3,643,300. For the whole crop, 11,314,400 is the average guess.

President Nominates Hobson.

Assistant Naval Constructor Richmond P. Hobson was nominated by the president Friday to be a naval constructor.

BROOKE GOES TO CUBA.

Report That He Will Be Made Military Governor.

Despite the report that General Wade has been selected, it is said in official circles that General John R. Brooke will be made military govornor of Cuba. General Brooke wrote a letter to a friend in Washington in which he said he favored General Fitzhugh Lee for governor for the province of Havana, General Carpenter as governor for the province of Pinar del Rio, General Snyder as governor of the province of Puerto Principe and General Wood for the province of Santiago. It is believed General Brooke's recommendations in regard to the governors of the different provinces will be indorsed by the president.

ACTED UNDER INSTRUCTIONS.

Madrid Wired Rios to Refuse to Sell the Carolines.

The Madrid correspondent of the London Standard says:

Senor Montero Rios acted under instructions from the government when he declined to accede to the American demands concerning the Carolines and intimated a desire to close the negotiations. Both the government and the press approve his action, and protest against the conduct of the United States. Everybody in Spain is pleased that the negotiations are ended, because all had been apprehensive that fresh pretensions on the part of the United States would be sprung upon the Spanish peace commission at every sitting.

WOMEN WILL OPPOSE ROBERTS.

Congressman-Elect May Not Be Seated Because He Is a Mormon.

Efforts to prevent Brigham H. Roberts, representative-elect from Utah, from taking his seat in the fifty-sixth congress because he is a polygamist and advocates the doctrine of the Mormon church, is to have the organized support of hundreds of thousands of women in the United States. The initial woman's movement is to take organized form in New York at a meeting of the Presbyterian woman's board of home missions on December 20th. This movement is not to be confined to missionary societies, but is to be started through them as a convenient way of arousing interest over the entire country.

Will Go via Suez Route.

The next regiments to start for Manila will embark at New York about the end of this month, and will go through the Suez canal. The expedition will consist of three regiments of regular infantry, distributed between two of the largest converted transports owned by the government, with perhaps a convoy of two warships.

Three Killed in an Explosion.

Three men were killed and eight injured, three of them probably fatally, by the explosion of a press mill and four grinding mills in the Hagley yard of the Dupont Powder Works, Wilmington, Del., Friday.

An Embrace Cost Him $500.

In the city court of Savannah Judge Thomas M. Norwood fined Private J. F. Moore, of Battery A. 1st Maine Artillery, $500, or six months on the chain gang for embracing the wife of a prominent county official on the street while the soldier was intoxicated.

The President May Visit Cuba.

A report is current in Washington that President McKinley intends to visit Cuba and Porto Rico at the first favorable opportunity.

CURRENT EVENTS IN ALABAMA.

CONFEDERACY'S MONUMENT.

Beautiful Work Accomplished by the Ladies of This State.

In the dedication and formal presentation to the state Thursday of the handsome Confederate monument on Capitol hill, the ladies of the Alabama Memorial association completed a noble work. The shaft stands less than 100 yards from where Jefferson Davis stood when he took the oath of office as president of the Southern Confederacy, and just outside of the window of the chamber in which the first Confederate congress met.

In 1886 Jefferson Davis came to Montgomery and laid the corner-stone of the monument with elaborate ceremonies. Since then the shaft has approached completion as the available funds justified.

It is a magnificent monument, costing some $70,000. Its base is thirty-four feet square and consists of four layers of stone, making as many steps. These steps lead up to four pedestals, on each of which is a statue—one of an infantryman, one of an artilleryman, one of a cavalryman and the other of a sailor.

From out of the common center rises a seventy-foot circular shaft four or five feet in diameter. A circular bas-relief around the shaft represents troops on the march. A Corinthian cap surmounts the top of the shaft, and upon this is a magnificent ten-foot statue in bronze, representing a female figure and typifying patriotism and the women of the South. The figure upholds in one hand a broken flag and with the other tenders to he sons a sword.

The fund for the building of this monument was started by the women of Montgomery immediately upon the close of the civil war. The state was impoverished and their progress was slow at first.

Hazing Abolished at the University.

The students organization at the University of Alabama have adopted the following resolutions:

Whereas, Hazing in the past has been detrimental to the welfare of the University, and, whereas, it will remain injurious as it is allowed to exist.

Be it resolved by the fraternity of the University, That hazing in no form shall be countenanced by us; and,

Be it further resolved, That we use all our influence towards abolishing hazing at the University of Alabama; and,

Be it further resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be handed to the faculty of the University, and also published in the Crimson-White, and the leading papers of the state.

E. C. Street, representing Psi Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity; W. H. White, representing Alabama Beta Delta, of Alpa Tau Omega Fraternity; F. C. Owen, representing Alabama Alpha of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity; B. P. Powell, representing Theta Chapter of Sigma Nu Fraternity; J. R. Foster, representing Alpha Beta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Fraternity; J. W. Stickney, representing Alabama Mu of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, committee on resolutions.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the faculty:

The faculty of the University are gratified to learn from communication sent in to the president this day, that fraternities existing among the students have determined to use their influence to stamp out the practice of "hazing" new students.

Hobson Given an Ovation in Birmingham.

Lieut. Richmond P. Hobson, the hero of the Merrimac, arrived in Birmingham Saturday and was greeted by an immense crowd at the depot. While in that city he was banqueted by prominent citizens. He left for Greensboro, the home of his parents, where he will spend several days before departing for San Francisco, from which port he will sail the day before Christmas for Manila, where he goes to supervise the work of saving several of the Spanish warships which Admiral Dewey sank in Manila bay.

Gen. Wheeler's Generosity.

Gen. Wheeler, for their loyalty to him, has placed the selection of two cadets from his district, one each for West Point and Annapolis, in the hands of a committee of ten, who were his warmest supporters during the early part of his last campaign.

Advance in Iron.

The Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company has announced an advance of 25 cents per ton on all grapes of pig iron. The advance, it is said, has been practically forced upon the company by the remarkable demand for the product that prevails. This places No. 1 foundry at $8 per ton, No. 2 at $7.75 and No. 3 at $7.50, while the average of the quotations is $7.80. If these prices are obtained the wages of the coal miners, to the number of 4,000 or 5,000, will go up 2 1-2 cents per ton on January 1, the contract with them being that the miners will receive 2 1-2 cents' advance for every 50 cents per ton advance in iron above $7.10.

Auditor White's Official Report.

The report of the state examiner on the books of State Auditor White shows that during his tenure of office he has received and disbursed more than $5,000,000. The examiner reports the only errors in the auditor's books as one of 4 cents in the receipts and another of 10 cents on disbursements, chargeable against the auditor.

It is said that the Louisville & Nashville shops at Decatur are soon to be enlarged more than half their present capacity.

CONDITIONS AT MANILA

Dewey Reports That the Attitude of Filippinos Is Pacific.

GROWTH OF BETTER SPIRIT NOTICEABLE

The Navy Will Be Called Into Service to Release Spanish Prisoners—Japan Wants the Philippines, Offering $200,000,000.

WASHINGTON.—The navy department has received a cablegram from Admiral Dewey, summarizing the existing conditions at Manila and such points in the Philippines as have been visited by his officers. Advices also have been received from Gen. Otis, commandant of the United States forces in the islands, and both go to show a notable improvement in conditions and the growth of a better spirit among those factions of the natives which promised to give trouble. This fact is particularly gratifying, as the United States government is in reality giving consideration to the best means at hand to redeem the pledge it has been placed under by the treaty of Paris, to secure the release of the Spanish prisoners held by the Philippine natives.

There are about 500 clerical prisoners, and the government is confident that their captors will release them upon proper representations from Gen. Otis and Admiral Dewey. It may be necessary to call the navy into service in this matter, for the reason that some of the prisoners are held in captivity on other islands than Luzon, which can be reached best and most effectively by Admiral Dewey's ships. Besides the clerical prisoners, the Americans themselves hold nearly 15,000 Spanish soldiers as prisoners—men captured at the fall of Manila. These are actually on parole about the city, and the question is, how are they to be returned to Spain? This must be settled by the peace commission a Paris.

GEN. WHEELER UNDECIDED.

Whether or Not He Will Resign From Congress.

Maj. Gen. Joseph Wheeler authorized the following statement as to reports that he had decided to resign from the house of representatives:

"I was surprised to see what purports to be an interview about my resignation to congress. I have never gone further than to say that I would consider the question when I had time, and would take such action as my friends would approve. Thus far, however, I have reached no final conclusion."

JAPAN WANTS THE PHILIPPINES.

Report That an Offer of $200,000,000 for the Islands Has Been Made.

Senator Kyle, of South Dakota, is authority for the statement, which he declares he makes on semi-official authority, that Japan has offered this government $200,000,000 for the Philippine islands. He says there is a distinct sentiment in official circles in favor of eventually turning the islands over to Japan or to some other power or powers.

Accident to the Massachusetts.

The Massachusetts struck a snag in the harbor of New York Saturday and water poured into her compartments. Pilot Bell, who was taking the Massachusetts out said the tide was unusually low and that the Massachusetts while on her way to the Tompkinsville anchorage struck the bottom. She did not, he said, run on Diamond reef, which is off Governors island. At her stern ten inches of water is above her water line.

Fall of Spanish Cabinet Near.

A special dispatch from Madrid says the position of the cabinet is most critical, and that the resignation of the ministry is expected as soon as the treaty of peace is signed. In commercial circles, it is added, the fall of the cabinet has been discussed, as shown by the dull state of business and the heavy taxation.

Hobson May Go to Hong Kong.

Naval Constructor Richmond Pearson Hobson will probably go to Hong Kong to superintend the reconstruction of the three Spanish cruisers recently floated under the direction of Naval Constructor G. W. Capps at Manila. He is expected to leave about December 20.

Chicagoians Want a Gold Standard.

The board of directors of the Chicago board of trade have adopted resolutions urging President McKinley to call a special session of congress for the enactment of legislation for the permanent adoption of the gold standard.

Stars and Stripes Raised.

The United States flag was unfurled oven the city hall of Mariano, Province of Havana, at 12:30 o'clock Saturday by Col. Young, commanding the battalion of engineers of Playa de Mariano.

The scheme of American popular education will not reach its highest development until every boy and girl shall be fitted, before leaving school, to use every power to its highest capacity to rightly perform the duties of family and civic relations, and to "make a living" by some handicraft the elements of which have been learned.

Judicious Advertising Pays.

ALABAMA LEGISLATURE

Monday's Session.

Another week has passed by and but little has been accomplished in the way of legislation. Only two bills of a general nature have passed, and one of these was the bill to increase the auditor's salary, and the other was to make the treasurer's bond in a security company, and appropriating $500 to pay the premium.

The friends of a new constitution for Alabama were very jubilant tonight, and are declaring that the measure is sure of success. The democrats held a joint caucus this afternoon to discuss the advisability of calling a convention. Just all that occurred within the caucus is not known. The session lasted for nearly two hours. The resolution to make the caucus' deliberations merely advisory finally prevailed. Then it was decided to appoint a committee of ten—five each from senate and house, to draft a bill calling a convention.

Several very important resolutions presented were the feature of today's session of the house. House bill 443, providing for a uniform system of school books in Lamar and St. Clair counties, was taken up as unfinished business and passed. Mr. Wallace's game bills were, upon his motion, set as a special order for 11 o'clock Wednesday, and continuing at this hour from day to day until disposed of. Mr. Robinson, of Mobile, offered a resolution to raise a joint committee of seven from the house and five from the senate to arrange a reception for Lieutenant Richard P. Hobson on the occasion of his visit here for the unveiling of the confederate monument Wednesday. The resolution passed. Mr. Wallace's resolution to appropriate $500 from the general fund of the state to purchase for Major-General Joseph Wheeler a sword encountered some opposition in the house, and it was referred to the appropriations committee.

Mr. Reynolds, of Chilton, a populist, offered a resolution of thanks to Col. Bryan for his address Saturday, which was referred to the rules committee. The passing of a few local bills consumed the remaining time of the house.

In the senate a house substitute was offered to senate resolutions inviting the president to visit the capital city. The substitute was concurred in, but Mr. Wiley asked a reconsideration, as he was not present to vote. This was done and Mr. Wiley moved that a committee of conference be appointed to take the whole matter under consideration.

The question to non-concur in house substitute was put to a vote and Mr. Wiley's motion to non-concur was lost. A discussion arose as to result of vote, and a vote was had to determine if the senate would sustain the chair in ruling that the Wiley motion was lost The roll was called and the chair sustained. The question of adopting the the house substitute was then called for and the substitute non-concurred in.

Tuesday's Session.

The committee authorized by the constitutional convention caucus had a meeting tonight and agreed to father a bill calling a constitutional convention. The essential features of the bill were not entirely decided upon, but will be adjusted at another early meeting of the committee. The two committees, five each from the house, and senate, are as follows: Senators Jelks, chairman; Meador, Matthews, Thompson and Caffee. House—Pool, chairman; Robinson, Kyle, Brown and Tunstall. The real purpose and foundation of a constitutional convention is scarcely opposed by any member of the general assembly. It is the method to obtain the results that has caused the differences. The friends of the convention plan claim that they have victory assured. They admit, however, that the contest will be close.

The house today passed three bills of general state interest, providing for exemption from taxation for a period of ten years all factories of more than $50,000 capital to be established within this state for the next five years, and two others providing for the appointment of a historical commission for the state, and providing for the publication of its reports, the bill appropriating $250 for two years to be expended for the publication of the commission's work. The conference report on the Birmingham police commission was presented by Mr. McQueen. The report was read at length and unanimously adopted.

The assembly has decided to take the trip to Atlanta for the jubilee. The resolution fixing the date of adjournment for the holidays on the 17th of December and to reconvene on the 24th of January was given a favorable report by the rules committee and agreed to by the house.

The Reynolds resolution thanking Colonel Bryan for his speech last Saturday was reported favorably by the resolutions committee and unanimously adopted by the house. Mr. Wallace's resolution of thanks to Gen. Joseph Wheeler was also adopted, with the clause to appropriate $1,000 to purchase a memorial left off.

In the senate the calandar was taken up and action taken on a large number of local bills. Senate bill 195 was passed appropriating $4,729 to the Girls' Industrial school at Montevallo. The joint resolution from the house providing for a suitable reception for Richmond P. Hobson on the occasion of his visit to Montgomery was concurred in.

Wednesday's Session.

In the senate this morning the bill to further regulate the sentencing and employment of convicts in this state, the special order after the call of the committees, was postponed until tomorrow on motion of Mr. Cunningham, the author of the bill.

The second special order, the bill to fix the fees for feeding prisoners where the same are paid by the state, provoked a great deal of discussion and the test vote shows the senate to be in favor of the bill. The bill fixes fees at 40, 30 and 25 cents and it is held is not uniform in different counties, but is a blow at sheriffs in the larger counties, as 25 cents is to be charged per day after a certain number is reached.

In the house Mr. Burkhalter's bill to allow county commissioners to levy 5 cents on the $100 for school purposes was discussed and earnestly contested. It is urged that the bill is a blow at agricultural counties and could not be stood by many of the counties.

The senate passed the resolution agreed upon by the conference committee inviting the president to visit Montgomery. The language was changed a little, but it is about the same in substance as the original senate resolution.

The steering committee on the constitutional convention claim to have secured the pledge of seventeen senators to vote for the bill.

The house defeated the school tax bill.

Thursday's Session.

The democratic caucus of the legislature has declared in favor of the bill providing for a vote on the question of calling a constitutional convention, as reported by the joint caucus committee recently named, and supporters of the measure feel sure that it will pass both houses. The bill as amended provides for an election on the first Monday in July next to decide whether or not a convention is to be held. The proposed convention, if a majority vote is cast in favor of holding it, will convene in Montgomery on the first Monday in August and is not to sit longer than fifty days, the members to be paid $4 per day each. The representation will be the same in strength as that of the legislature, 133 members. One hundred will be elected from the counties, according to their strength in the house of representatives, and thirty-three from the state at large. The matter of raising the general tax levy and the removal of the capital are not to be touched, the convention being more especially for the purpose of changing the plan of suffrage so as to eliminate the ignorant negro vote. Soldiers of the Mexican and civil wars and their descendants will not be disfranchised. Local option to increase taxation will probably be granted to municipalities where it is for a special purpose, like schools. These are about what the convention movement contemplates.

The senate today tabled the bill to fix the fees of sheriffs, when paid by the state, after a heated discussion. This leaves the fees as at present.

The resolution to take a recess on December 15th and 16th was reconsidered, and the two houses will remain in session until the 17th. The president has accepted invitations to come here, and will be in this city from 3 to 5 p. m.

Friday's Session.

The house indefinitely postponed action on the bill creating a board of fish and game commissioners. The house passed a resolution that school appropriations should be increased to $500,000. The bill to amend the charter of Birmingham, relating to taxation, was passed by the house. The bill to repeal the law against bookmaking and pool selling was indefinitely postponed. A bill was passed protecting training stables for horses in the state.

The legislature has made it possible for Lovejoy, the democratic nominee for probate judge of Etowah county, to take his seat. Beeson, the populist candidate, contested the election on the ground that the election in the Gadsden beat was held in a building other than the court house, which the law prescribes for such purposes. The democratic majority was not denied, and on the grounds named above Judge Bilbro rendered a decision naming the populist as the qualified judge. It is claimed that the elections had been held outside of the court house for years, and in fact, this was admitted by a populist member on the floor, who opposed the bill, saying it was unconstitutional. The bill simply ratifies the election held in that precinct.

A bill which legalizes the whipping-post passed the lower house. The law, however, only applies to Mobile county and was fathered by Representative Delchamps.

Representative Smith's exemption bill received a black eye in the senate finance committee, it receiving an adverse report. The bill provides that all manufacturing industries located within the state during the next five years should be exempt from all state taxes for a period of ten years. Notwithstanding this, the general revenue bill of the house will contain a similar section.

Saturday's Session.

After a half day's debate and filibustering the senate voted at 5:45 o'clock on the constitutional convention bill, carrying it by a clear majority of five. If carried by the house, and there appears to be little doubt of it, the people will finally decide the question at the ballot box. As first announced, the vote stood 17 to 12. Senator Boykin, who had bitterly opposed the bill all day, asked that his vote be changed from the negative to the affimative and gave notice that on Monday he would move to reconsider the vote by which the measure was passed. The vote was as follows:

Ayes — Cunningham, Boykin, Brooks, Caffee, Horton, Jelks, Jenkins, Lee, Lyons, Matthews, Meador, Moore, Nunnellee, Pulley, Sowell of Limestone, Thomason, Thompson, Wiley. Total, 18.

Nays—Brown, Case, Dean of Shelby, Grant, Hall, McCain, Moody, Rather, Sowell of Walker, Stevens, Windham. Total, 11.

Senator Buchanan would have voted for the bill, but was paired with Dean of Covington, who was absent.

The vote had hardly been announced when Senator Moore made himself heard above the din of applause and moved that the bill be sent to the house without the formality of being engrossed. The motion was carried, and before the messenger could get on his way the senate had adjourned and a crowd of senators mad with joy were following him. When the senate messenger told his errand in the house he was greeted by tumultuous cheering. Speaker Waller rapped loudly for order and referred the bill to the judiciary committee and then the house adjourned: By the bill being referred tonight, it will be given a favorable report Monday and will likely be placed on the calendar for Wednesday.

The bill creating the office of auditor for Jefferson reached its third reading and passed the house this afternoon. The bill is a substitute for the senate bill, differing from the original in that the salary is fixed at $1,800, instead of $2,000, and makes the office elective after the first term.

Mr. Smith, of Escambia, offered a resolution of thanks to Richmond Pearson Hobson for his bravery in blocking the channel of Santiago bay, which was very laudatory. The resolution was unanimously adopted.

The assembly has again changed its vote, and decides to go to Atlanta on the 15th, to attend the peace jubilee. They will go from Atlanta to Tuskegee with the presidential party Friday and leave Tuskegee a few hours in advance of the president, in order to be in session when the president reaches the city at 3 o'clock.

The bill introduced by Mr. Wallace for the better protection of game, game mammals and song birds, was a special order for 12 o'clock, and after being amended so as to apply to but ten counties in the state, it was passed.

Senate bill 88, amending the charter of Birmingham, was called up by Mr. Burkhalter and passed.

Alabama will have a larger fund for the support of the common schools in future years. The house put itself on record in the matter this morning by unanimously passing the resolution offered by Mr. Seymour, that the school fund be increased from $350,000 to $500,000.

J. B. Henke, Sr., one of the oldest and best known German residents of Tuscumbia, whilst hauling a load of corn to a neighbors accidently fell from the wagon, and by the time his son, who was with him, could jump from the wagon and reach his side he was dead. It is thought his neck was broken by the fall, or that he was seized with apoplexy and fell dead. He was about 72 years old.

Willie Hainsworth, aged 15, was run over by a traid and killed at Blocton.

"They are gone, God knows where!" is the significant account given of the reconcentrados by one of the chief Spanish officers in Cuba. That grim statement is the fitting epilogue of the history of Spanish rule in the Pearl of the Antilles.

IN FAVOR OF EXPRESS COMPANIES

Decisions Rendered Up to the Present in the Suits Over War Revenue Stamps.

In denying the motion of the Merchant's Association of New York in its case against the Adams Express Company for a preliminary injunction in the suit brought to compel the express companies to pay for express revenue stamps on receipts, the judge of the United States circuit court for the Southern district of New York said:

"I start with the proposition that as between ind vidual citizens, whether they be natural individuals or corporations, common carriers or what not, originally there is the right to agree as to who should bear the burden of the service rendered, and of all the incidents of the rendition of that service. That a common carrier is subject to regulations by congress as to limitations upon his power to make such agreement with the individual citizen is not disputed. The proposition, however, is—has congress prohibited in this particular case the carrier from requiring the shipper to pay the increased expense of performing the act of transportation which the purchase, affixing and cancellation of this stamp imposes upon the carrier. There is no express language in the act, that I can find, laying the burden of that prohibition upon the carrier, and inasmuch as restrictions of the right to contract, which is a right of a great deal of importance and value to the citizen, whe her he be an individual or a corporation, should not be spelled out of any uncertain language, or found to exist unless the case is abundantly clear. I am induced in the absence of express language, to reach the conclusion, upon this mere cursory hearing of the oral argument, and without the careful analysis and examination of the cases which might, perhaps, lead me to a different conclusion—I am constrained, I say, to reach the conclusion that the act has not prohibited the carrier from requiring the party tendering the goods to pay to the carrier the increased cost which the act of congress has made the particular act of transportation cost of the carrier. I shall therefore deny the motion for a preliminary injunction."

A similar decision was rendered in the case of the United States against the Southern Express Company, decided in the United States District Court for the Western district of North Carolina, October 27, 1898. In that case the action was brought by certain fish shippers for a supposed violation of the war revenue act, on the ground that the express company had required them to pay for the revenue stamp to be affixed to each receipt when issued as a condition of accepting their goods for transportation. United States Judge Purnell dismissed the complaint, holding that while the war revenue act required that the tax should be paid, it did not provide who should make the payment, but left that question to be settled between the express companies and the shipper.

A decision to the same effect has just been rendered in the District Court of the United States for the Southern district of California, in the case of the United States against Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express. The complainant tendered a package to the express company and insisted that it should accept the same for transportation and issue therefor a receipt having a 1-cent revenue stamp attached and cancelled. The express company refused to issue the receipt unless the shipper would pay the stamp, and suit was brought to subject the express company to the penalty of $50, provided in the war revenue act.—Commercial-Appeal.

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Circuit Judge—Geo. E. Brewer.
Circuit Solicitor—T. W. Coleman.
Circuit Clerk—John P. Pearson.
Sheriff—E. F. Vest.
Terms of Court—Eighth Monday after the Fourth Monday in January and July, continuing three weeks.

CHANCERY COURT.

Chancellor—R. B. Kelly.
Register Chancery—J. R. White.
Terms of Court—First Thursdays after Second Mondays in March and September.

COUNTY COURT.

County Judge—A. P. Longshore.
County Clerk—John P. Pearson.
County Solicitor—W. R. Olivor.
Terms of Court—Fourth Mondays in February, May, August and November.
Probate Court—Second Mondays in each month.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

Probate Judge—A. P. Longshore.
Clerk—John P. Pearson.
Sheriff—E. F. Vest.
Treasurer—W. A. Tallant.
Supt. of Education—E. Williams
Tax Collector—J. H. Robertson.
Tax Assessor—John S. Pitts.
County Surveyors—F. M. McEwen and A. P. R. Dahl.

COMMISSIONERS COURT.

First District—John E. Dykes.
Fourth District—John T. Glaze.
Second District—Pleasant Shaw.
Third District—R. J. Griffin.
Terms of Court—First Mondays in January, April, June, October, and Second Mondays in May and July.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

Beat 1—B. L. Moore, Columbiana; terms of court every Thursday.
Beat 1, box 2—W. E. Seale, Shelby; terms of court every Wednesday.

The campaign will soon open.

Shelby county will vote against a constitutional convention by a good majority.

The vote on the constitutional convention will come off the first Monday in July, 1899.

As predicted by The Advocate, the Democrats have called a constitutional convehtion.

Whenever the Democrats disfranchises the negro, they will disfranchise the poor white man.

The Advocate is opposed to a constitutional convention just so long as there is fraud in elections.

You men that will not be allowed a vote will have to pay your taxes just as though you were allowed to vote.

When the Populist and Republicans begin to get in power, it is then the Democrats want to disfranchise them.

The election for a constitutional convention is to come off on the first Monday in July, is the way it passed the senate.

How much better is a man, whether white or black, who has $300 worth of property, than one who has only $200?

The Democratic party want the Mississippi law, when out of 200 thousand voters only 54 thousand could vote at the last election.

The Constitutional convention passed the House Tuesday by a vote of 52 to 41. The election will come off the first Monday in July.

The question is now, will you vote for your liberties or will you sit idly by and say voting does you no good, that one party does as well by you as another?

The time has come when the conservative elements of all parties should stand together in favor of the inalienable rights guaranteed to us by our forefather.

When Judge Longshore and others told the people during the last campaign that the Democrats were in favor of a constitutional convention, it was bitterly denied.

The Democrats are after disfranchising the white men, it is not the negro they are after. They had rather not disfranchise the negro. They need him in the black belt to count us out in the white counties.

Will the people stand idle and see their rights taken away? When stealing votes fail to count anything, then they set in to disfranchise the people.

They will say that they do not intend to disfranchise the white people in order to fooling them into voting their ticket. But it will be too late when they are elected, they will have you then.

The Democratic speakers announced from every stump in the county last summer that there would be no constitutional convention. Well, if they will misrepresent one thing they will another.

It behooves every voter to be up and doing, and not wait until the election, for a constitutional convention is on us. Go to work and explain it to every one, that they may understand the predicament that we are in.

The Democrats in the legislature say they only want to disfranchise the negro. If that is true, why do they want to call a constitutional convention? They have already disfranchised the negro by stealing his vote and counting it Democratic.

Maj. Brandon, of Tuscaloosa, made a gallant fight in the House against tyrany and oppression, but he was not even accorded a hearing. He was treated just like he had been a Populist or Republican, simply because he wanted to exercise the rights of an American citizen and discharging the duties of a representative.

The constitutional convention bill was first introduced to the Senate to elect the thirty-three delegates from the Senatorial districts from the State at-large. Mr. Deans offered an amendment for them to be elected from each Senatorial districts, and it passed the Senate that way. But when it went to the house Deans amendment was defeated, and now the delegates from the Senatorial districts will be elected from the state at-large, which is equal to us giving them thirty-three to start on. Each county will elect its own delagates as it does its representatives.

We have warned the people time and again in the columns of The Advocate that the Democrats would pass an act to have a constitutional convention. The act has already passed the senate and was voted on by the house yesterday. Up to going to press we have not heard the result, but from the Democratic enthusiasm when it passed the senate, no doubt it passed the house also. The Democrats claim now that they do not want to disfranchise any of the whites, but it is the negro that they are after disfranchising. Do you believe it? Did the Democrats not deny it on every stump in Shelby county in the last campaign when we charged them of it?

In another column will be found a short article copied from the Age Herald, in regard to the effort to abolish the commissioners court of Coosa county, and establish in its stead a board of revenue, to be appointed by the Governor, in other words it was a cold blooded effort on the part of certain members of the legislature, claiming to be Democrats, to legislate men out of office, who were elected and put others in by appointment, who could not be elected by the people. We are glad to see that the effort failed. The people of Coosa county are capable of self government, and they don't need any assistance from would-be leaders of the Democratic party, who have more brass and impudence than brains and manhood.

A Breezy Debate.

A special from Montgomery to the Age Herald of December 9, says: "There was a very pretty and interesting fight at this afternoon's session of the house over a bill seeking to abolish the court of commissioners in Coosa county and create in their stead a board of revenue, to be appointed by the governor.

Coosa is a Populist county, and the effort to oust the commissioners was purely a political one, as there was no evidence to show that the board was incompetent. On the other hand, Representative Porter made an excellent showing for the commissioners, and made an earnest appeal to the majority not to legislate good men out of office. Several democrats made speeches with Mr. Porter, and when the vote on the measure was taken it was defeated by a vote of 51 nays to 15 yeas. A motion to reconsider the vote has been made and it will come up for consideration to-morrow morning.

THE COMING CONVETION.

On the first Monday in July, so runs the constitutional convention bill, the electors of the state are to go to the polls, there to decide whether a convention shall be held or not, and then to choose the members of it, to be assembled, in case of an affirmative answer, a month later at the capitol. This long-sought result should be a matter for deep congratulation throughout the state; for no good citizen will harbor a doubt either as to the passage of the bill by the house before the recess, or of the outcome of the July ballotting. The state now expects the house to do its duty.

Possibly, let us still farther hope, the one hundred and thirty-three members of the convention can be selected in primaries regulated by law, the primaries thus becoming the real selection, although a full vote in July will become necessary because of the opposition that will certainly show itself. But as nearly all white men in the state will practically stand together in the coming battle, it becomes doubly important to have the primaries carefully and honestly conducted, as they surely will be if a good primary law should be put into operation.

In the coming convention the state as it is at the close of the century, and as it will be in the new century, should be represented. The state as it was in the troublous days of a quarter of a century ago has passed away, and the representatives of that era are no longer the representatives of industrial and commercial up-to-date Alabama is pre-eminently a state possessing a big round future. It is a state full of hope. It is the richest endowed state in the union. There is nothing extravagant in this statement—nothing of a Fourth-of-July nature. The eagle is not flapping his wings. It is bed-rock truth. Not even Pennsylvania is so richly endowed, for while the plum-tree state has an abundance of coal, she is lacking in rich iron ore, and especially lacking in the absolute bed-fellowism of the three raw materials that go into the stack. The new constitution should be adopted to a state of the richest endowment. It should be a constitution, above all else, that admits of growth. Instead of being a restriction upon growth and progress, it should be promotive of both; and in selecting delegates this leading fact should not be lost sight of.—Age-Herald

Will the people stand still and let the Democrats steal their rights? They are after taking the vote out of the hands of the white man as well as the negro.

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Fancy Dress Outing Flannels at	5
Hickory or Cheviot Shirtings at	5
Brown Drill Canton Flannel at	5
10-4 Brown Shirtings at	12½
All-Wool Filling, double-width, Twilled Cashemeres, or Fancy Figured, per yard	10
Ladies' Hose, per pair	5
Childrens' Hose, all sizes, per pair	5
Ladies' Embroideried Handkerchiefs	5
1 Box Linen Writing Paper and Envelopes	5
2 spools Machine Thread	5
60-inch wide Turkey Red Table Cloth, at	25
Ladies' Corsets, all sizes, at	25
Ladies' double Capes, Collars and Upper Capes, trimmed with Santache fur, at	35
Heavy Melton Capes, trimmed with braid and fur	50
Ladies' Buckelay Black capes	2.00
Ladies' Silk Plush Capes	1.75
Ladies' shoes, Lace or Button, Dongola or Calfskin, bought in a job, sizes 3 to 5, worth from $1.00 to $1.75, your choice at	65
Mens' Imported Black Worsted Suits, worth $10.00 at	$5.50
Mens' heavy half-wool Suits	2.35
Fancy Clay Worsted Suits	3.75
Heavy Wool Overcoats	2.00
All-Wool Pants	1.00
Heavy Buckskin Working shirts	25
Fancy Laundried Overshirts, collars and cuffs attached	25
White Unlaundried Shirts, linen bosom	25
Heavy quality Undershirts	12½
Extra heavy leather trimmed Suspenders	10
Wool hats, real 50-cent quality	25
We have on hand 100 mens' and boys' single Vests, to close at	15
125 heavy half-wool boys knee suits in dark patterns, sizes 4 to 12	50
Childrens' undershirts and drawers, per suit	25
We have the best line of childrens' school shoes from 50 cents up	
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Good green Coffee, per pound	8
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Administrator's Notice.

Estate of J. S. Dyke, deceased. } Probate Court.

Letters of Administration on the Estate of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 9 day of November, 1898, by the Hon. A. P. Longshore Judge of the Probate Court of Shelby County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate, are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law, or the same will be barred.

J. R. DYKE,
Administrator of the Estate of J. S. Dyke, deceased.

Estray Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the following described animal was taken up by Van Cross on his premises on or about Nov. 5th, 1898, to-wit: One bay horse, about 12 years old, holds head high, two teeth gone from upper jaw, about 16½ hands high, a small scar on point of left shoulder, and one near top of the right shoulder, left fore foot has a large scar on inner side of leg passing from toe of hoof on innef side up and around under paster joint to outerside of foot, also a scar on outside of same joint, a little hog-backed with a few white hairs on right hip, and scar around under right paster joint, weight about 950 pounds, appraised at $25.00. Proceedings had before J. M. Farley, J. P., Bridgeton, Alabama.

A. P. LONGSHORE,
Judge of Probate.

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Non-Resident Notice.

The State of Alabama, Shelby Co.

Betsy A. Castleberry vs. Willie Castleberry.

In Chancery, Sixth District, North-Eastern Chancery Division.

In this cause, it is made to appear to the Register by the affidavit of J. L. Peters, that the defendant Willie Castleberry is a Non-Resident of the State of Alabama, and that his place of residence is unknown.

It is therefore ordered, by the Register, that publication be made in the Peoples Advocate, a newspaper published in the City of Columbiana, Ala. once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring him, the said Willie Castleberry to plead, answer or demur to the bill of complaint in this cause by the 19th day of December, A. D. 1898, or in thirty days thereafter, a decree pro confesso may be taken against him.

Done at office, in Columbiana, Ala., this 10th day of November, A. D. 1898.

J. R. WHITE,
Register.

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THE-:-PEOPLE'S-:-ADVOCATE

SOCIAL AND LOCAL NEWS.

Points About People You Know and Some You Don't Know. News From Different Beats.

J. T. Porter, of Calera, was in the city Monday.

C. J. Christian, of Shelby, spent Sunday in the city.

J. K. Milner, of Anniston, was in the city last Friday.

Frank Fallon, of Jemison, was in the city last Saturday.

E. S. Lyman, Esq., of Montevallo, was in the city Monday.

Best flavoring extracts, perfumery, toilet soaps, etc., in the city, Columbiana Drug Company.

T. L. Seale moved Tuesday to Calera, his future home.

Jim Vest made a business trip to Birmingham last Friday.

Buy Purity starch and no other, sold only by J. H. Hammond.

Knit Jackets and Farcinators cheap at Red Store Company.

Harry Roberts, of Easonville, is visiting relatives in the city.

Horace Hammond visited Birmingham and Sterrett this week.

Claude Duran and wife visited relatives in the city this week.

We had a nice fall of snow in this district last Thursday night.

Miss Georgia Cromwell visited home folks Saturday and Sunday.

J. H. Mullins, of Birmingham, was in the city Monday on business.

Benzine for cleaning clothes, full weight, 10 cents, Columbiana Drug Company.

Will Weaver, of Birmingham, is here to spend the holidays with relatives.

Miss Laura Swain, of Montevallo, spent a short while in the city Monday.

Don't forget to bring us in that Christmas turkey for a years subscription.

You can find Watches and Jewelry of all kinds at T. J. Weaver's jewelry shop.

Phillip Erlick and Will Page spent several days at Vincent last week on business.

Dr. Cheney's Expectorant, the best remedy for Coughs, Colds, Croup, etc., 25 and 50 cent sizes, Columbiana Drug Company.

Wilson Strickland, of Woodstock, is visiting the family of A. V. Strickland.

Butterick Pattern sheets given away each month by the Columbiana Mercantile Co.

Mrs. S. A. Robertson, of Wilsonville, visited the family of J. H. Robertson Sunday.

Miss Mattie Hand, of Jemison, the guest of Mrs. B. L. Moore on Main College street.

Miss Lillian Upshaw, of Fayetteville, visited relatives and friends in the city last week.

Remember the supper at the residence of Rev. W. I. Sinnott on the night of the 26th inst.

Full line of Ladies' and Misses spring heel, Lace or Button Shoes at Red Store Company.

If your watches, clocks and jewelry need repairing, take them to T. J. Weaver, the jeweler.

If you want to get a nice Xmas present for your best friend, go to T. J. Weaver's jewelry shop.

The many friends of Rufus Lesley will be glad to know that he is able to drive out Sunday.

In another column will be found the advertisement of the Alabama Fertilizer Co., of Montgomery.

Collector Robertson and Assessor Pitts finished up their last round at Shelby last Saturday.

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We have a nice line of Gents Slippers suitable for Christmas presents.

Red Store Company.

For Gonorrhea, take our flexible Sandalwood Capabia and Oleoresin Cubeb Capsules, pleasant and non-irritating. Columbiana Drug Co.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will give a supper on the night of December 26th, for the benefit of the church. Regular number 25 cents, and oysters 25 cents per dozen. It will be held at the residence of Rev. W. I. Sinnott.

Death of a Good Woman.

We regret to chronicle the death of Mrs. J. P. Harrell, which occurred Sunday afternoon about two o'clock. The deceased has been an invalid for a number of years, and her death was not unexpected by her friends and relatives. She was a member of the Primitive Baptist church, a good woman and met death with an abiding faith in the saving grace of her heavenly father. Her husband and four children survive her, the eldest being J. W. Harrell, agent for the Southern at this place. Our warmest sympathies go out to the husband and children in their sad bereavement. The remains were interred at Good Hope cemetery Monday evening. Rev's. S. S. Crumpton and J. H. Shirley conducting the funeral services.

A Small Blaze.

Friday morning last, about 9:45, the servant house of the Central Hotel was discovered on fire, and the alarm quickly given. Immediate response was given by willing hands, who, by hard work soon had the fire under complete control, saving the blacksmith shop adjoining with but little damage to it, and a house connecting with the main structure of B. L. Moore's residence. The cause of the fire is not exactly known, but it is attributed to the carelessness of the servants. However, it was a "burning" argument in favor of fire insurance. Had it not been for the snow which covered the roofs of the adjoining houses, it is very probable that several houses would have gone up in smoke. Your house might be the next to be consumed. Dr. Lovett writes insurance.

Honor Roll.

The following is the honor roll of Columbiana Public School for third month ending December 9, 1898:

First Grade—Edith DuBose, Ella Peters, Chas. Tinney.

Second Grade—Hixie Albright, Lois Mason, Susie Stricklin.

Third Grade—Edna Brand, Eddie Barnett, Gertrude DuBose, Frank Mason, Olive Nelson, Nina Millstead, Dinnie Mae Rowe, Bessie Holcombe.

Fourth Grade—Ina Sinnott Ludia Page, Rufus O'Hara, Annie Porter, Edna Hallmark, Myrtle Chapman.

Fifth Grade—Lillian Nelson, Minnie Walton, Clara Pitts, Ethel Millstead, Lilly May Liles, Mary Peters †.

Sixth Grade—Pauline Nelson, Bessie Robertson, Pam Pitts, A. P. Longshore, Jr., Chester Browne, Bertie Barnett, Will Albright, James Robertson, John Hallmark.

Seventh Grade—Clyde Brand, Belle Cromwell, Allie Nelson, Minnie McGiboney, Carrie Rowe, Georgia Thomas, Pierce Mason, Lallage Longshore *, Bernard Finley, Oza Hammond, Mary Finley, Richard Hale.

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J. H. Hammond.

Old Time Christmas Party.

There will be an entertainment at the college building on the evening of December 23, 1898, given for the benefit of the Orphans' Home at Talladega, Ala. It will be something new in the way of entertainments—an "Old time Christmas Party." Thirty will take part in it, composed of young ladies, gentlemen and children from the different Sunday schools. Everybody is invited to attend. Admission, 25 cents for grown persons and 10 cents for children. This cause should commend itself to everybody, and it is to be hoped a good crowd will attend. They will have a most enjoyable evening and help in a good cause.

Mayors court was in session last Monday evening. The case of Walter Porter was called, charged with disturbing public gathering. Mr. J. T. Barnett was put on the stand for the state; his evidence showed very clearly that he did not know anything. Several witnesses were put on for the defense and proved him innocent of the charge. But Mayor Thetford knowing that the financial condition of the city was at a low ebb, sentenced him to ten days hard labor for the city. Young Porter at once made an appeal bond and carried the case up to circuit court, where he will be acquitted.

We are agents in this district for the New Royal sewing machine, the best on the market, with all new improvements, which we will sell for cash or on easy payments.

Columbiana Mercantile Co.

Christmas holidays are soon to be here. Be careful of your conduct then. Think how your mother or sister would like to see you conduct yourself, and bring no reproach upon their fair names.

Vincent.

We are pleased to see Mr. Otta Blair among us again.

Miss Mattie Kidd, of Harpersville, visited our town last week.

Mrs. Mary Hatcher from Sylacauga, is a guest at the McGraw House.

Mr. Clements and family have moved to their farm about one mile from town.

J. S. Corley has purchased the Clements house and moved to town. We extend to them a hearty welcome.

Prof. C. H Florey has his beautiful little home on West Highlands complete, and it adds much to that side of town.

Aagain the angel of death visited our town, taking this time Mrs. Morrell, nee Miss Murtie Cosper. She had been a sufferer for some time with consumption, and death was a relief to her. She talked beautifully about being ready to go and wanted all to meet her in Heaven. She was burried at the Harpersville cemetery on last Monday.

J. S. Pitts, assessor, has completed his rounds and is at home this week.

Our school is in a flourishing condition, the pupils number near 100. Prof. will have to secure another assistant soon.

A Christmas tree is talked of for Christmas eve night. That will please the little folks and Sim too.

"Bill Nye" is so accommodating that because his girl had a bad cold and cough, he took one to keep her company.

G. C Pitts and R. A. Kidd, Jr., visited Childersbug Sunday.

Below is a program of the Minstrel to be given at the Academy, Thursday night, December 22:

"A Box of Monkeys," a farce in two acts:

Mrs. Ondego Jones—Miss Minnie Pelham.

Miss Bingaline—Miss Floy Montgomery.

Lady Guinevere—Miss Gussie Lyde.

Mr. Rawlston—Mr. Henry Walthall.

Mr. Oglethore—Mr. G. C. Pitts.

"The Darkey Wood-dealer:"

Mrs. Daecon Decker—Miss Zemma Samuels.

Mr. Daecon Decker—R. A. Kidd, Jr.

Wood-dealer—Wallace Walthall.

Minstrel performanee and old time cake walk.

Songs:

"Come where the lillies bloom."—Quartette.

"The day thats gone can never come again."

"Just break the news to mother."

"She was bred in Old Kentucky."

"My Creole Sue."

"I love my honey."

"Honey you'll be sorry dat you shook me."

"I wants my Lulu."

"Sweetest coon in town."

We hope the good people will give the "Ameteurs" a good house, thereby encouraging them in the grand and good work they have undertaken.

QUID NUNC.

Wilsonville Items.

Robert Taylor, of Fourmile, was in town Saturday.

Mrs. Kytle returned from a visit to friends at Helena Saturday.

Rev. A. E. Burns filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church Sunday.

A. M. Ray made a business trip to Calera last week.

J. M. Brown made a trip to Talladega last Thursday.

Jim Falkner was in town last Thursday.

Edward Baker is going with his hat shoved back on his head, and with a smile from ear to ear, it is a ten pound boy.

"Trilley" of The Chronicle: Miss Mattie Densler says any fool aught to know what pumpkin means, "to eat of course."

John Bowlin will leave for Atlanta Thursday.

Will Kidd, of Vincent, was in town one day last week.

James Guinn, after three years sojourn in Texas, returned home last week, much to the delight of some of our young ladies.

The young men's secret society met last Saturday night.

L. F. Smith and John Bowlin have killed over two hundred quails this winter.

We learn that Mr. Butt Edwards is going to get married. How about it Miss —— ?

Richard Crawford was married to Miss Lona Johnson last Sunday, Rev. Ben Hughs officiating. We wish the happy couple much joy and prosperity in abundance.

James Ray is building a new residence.

The young people of this place anticipated having a singing at Mr. B. O. Harris' Friday night, but owing to the enclemency of the weather there was no singing.

MCKINLEY.

W. R. Oliver, Esq., of Calera, was in town a short while yesterday.

J. H. Page spent several days in Birmingham this week.

George Peter, of Maylene, was in the city yesterday.

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Men's all wool, dark brown suits, good finished, this can not be duplicated, at $2.75.
Men's suits, good made, fit nicely, especially for the price, now sold at $1.75.
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Fourmile.

J. E. Blackerby, of Weldon, was here Sunday.

Dr. Smothers, of Weldon, passed through our vicinity Sunday.

D. M. Spearman went to Selma Monday on business.

Some of our boys went to Calera last Saturday.

Jesse Stone, our genial merchant, left Monday for Selma.

Charlie Spearman spent Sunday near Harpersville with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Blackerby, of Weldon, visited relatives here Sunday.

E. S. Kytle, of Wilsonville, is attending the Center High School.

The dance at S. J. Spearman's last Thursday night was greatly enjoyed by the young people.

When you have a good thing in a community the people will find it out. We realize this by the way they are patronizing Prof. S. S. Crumpton's school.

The young people of this community contemplate organizing a literary society at Center School House in the near future. We give our voice in its behalf.

Well, Christmas is nearly here and how are we going to celebrate it? Let us not forget that 1898 years ago our Savior made his advent into the world, and we are celebrating the birth of Christ.

EDGE.

Longview.

Ed. Piper spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks.

A. M. Piper has about recovered from his spell of fever.

H. A. Nabors visited Leeds last week on business. He speaks of moving up there in the near future.

Some of the farmers are not done sowing wheat yet. There is a large crop of wheat being sown in this section.

Some corn and cotton not gathered yet.

J. B. Adams is building new barns where his old one was burnt down on the 13th of last month

J. W. Nabors has been confined to his room for the past three or four days with a severe cold.

The snow here was about three inches deep Friday morning.

Rev. W. R. Carter, not Uncle Bob, preaches here the fourth Sunday in every month, 11 a. m., and Saginaw at 6:30 p. m.

PLOW BOY.

Epsom Salts 8 cts per lb, at Columbiana Drug Co.

Redlawn News.

Health not good.

Rev. J. C. Lyon preached at Fourmile Sunday.

Dr. B. H. Smothers was in our town last Friday.

George Archer was at Redlawn Sunday.

W. T. Taylor went to Columbiana Saturday on business.

P. and S. S. Miner left for Montgomery today, Monday.

S. B. Taylor was the guest of Miss Mattie Bradley Sunday.

W. T. and W. S. Taylor are going to exchange places next week.

Willie Riddle was the happy guest of Miss Alma Jackson Sunday.

The infant babe of Mr. David Stone died last Friday.

S. B. Strickland is going to move to Columbiana, much to the regret of some of the boys.

Miss Louella Lyon spent the night with Miss Alice Miner Saturday night.

W. J. Miner was the guest of Miss Cora Roper Sunday.

We suppose the Misses Hadaway had plenty of company Sunday. There was twelve boys there.

The members of Fourmile church called Rev. T. V. Neal Sunday for their pastor.

The social given by Miss Alice Miner Saturday night was a success.

Success to The Advocate and its many readers.

NED.

Locust Creek.

Health good.

A small snow visited us Friday night.

W. N. Moss and W. T. Wright and families left the 6th inst for Texas. We wish them success in their Western home.

James Fulmer and W. N. Gates visited Birmingham last week.

W. A. Wheat went to Columbiana last week on business.

Now Red X of Days Cross Roads, you said you had some of the pretiest girls in the state. Now if you do not beleive me go to Judge A. P., and ask him how many papers he has granted to the boys in beat 10, and see for yourself, and come yourself to see.

NORMAN.

Sterrett.

Health good.

We are having some bad weather on the farmers that havent got their oats and wheat sowed.

M. H. Byers, of Woodlawn, spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks, and returned Sunday evening, much to the regret of the girls.

Hurah for Vincent with its calaboose. But we are glad to say that our boys are so quiet that we don't need a calaboose.

Joel Falkner left Monday for Selma.

Messrs. Baley and Harden, of Leeds, were the guests of the Misses Turner Sunday. Come again boys, we are always glad to see you.

Roden Falkner, of Childersburg, spent Saturday night and Sunday with home folks.

Rev. Mr. Butts, of Childersburg, preached a very interesting sermon here Sunday, and was called to the care of the church.

Mrs. Butler, of Jemison, is visiting her daughter Mrs. Cosper.

Success to The Advocate and its many readers.

QUAKER.

Vandiver.

Health good with a few exceptions.

Mrs. Billingsley, of Georgia, is visiting relatives here.

J. E. Salser, who is working with a bridge gang on the C. & W. Railroad, visited homefolks Sunday.

George Lawley visited his grandfather in St. Clair last week.

Miss Leila Kendrick left Sunday to take charge of a school at Dunnavant.

Died, on the 11th inst., Little Ossie Brasher, age two years. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved family.

Mr. Revells, of Childersburg, was the guest of Miss Lola Babb Sunday.

Success to The Advocate.

HANNAH MARIAH.

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BITS OF HUMOR

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The Doctor—Queer saying that about truth lying at the bottom of a well. The Lawyer—You wouldn't think so if you knew the amount of pumping we lawyers sometimes have to do to get at it.—Tid-Bits.

Mrs. Faddle—I thought you warranted that dog I bought of you well bred? Dog Dealer—So it is, mum. Mrs. Faddle—Oh, no, it isn't; it bolts its food in the most vulgar manner.

"Yes," said the soldier, "when we parted she gave me a token of her regard, I put it in my pocket, and it was the means of saving my life." "I see," was the response. "It's the old story. You carried her photograph next your heart and it caused the bullet to deflect." "No, it wasn't any photograph. It was a bottle of malaria medicine.

Sharp Pains

Darting from one point to another, stiff and swollen joints, inflammation, intense suffering, are characteristics of rheumatism. All these painful symptoms are cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla which purifies the blood and neutralizes the acid which is the cause of rheumatism. Why continue to suffer when you may be relieved by

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Tonnage and Displacement.

At the present time, when naval matters are a source of great interest to the general public, one continually finds the terms "displacement" and "tonnage" improperly used, both in the daily press and in common speech. The confusion between the terms would not occur if their meaning were understood. "Displacement" refers to the quantity of liquid displaced by the immersed hull of the ship, and "tonnage" to the freight-carrying capacity of the ship determined by certain rules of measurement. The displacement of a vessel is the entire weight of the hull with all its contents, according to the well-known law of hydrostatics that a floating body displaces a weight of fluid just equal to its own weight. A ship sinks in the water to such a level that the pressure of the fluid displaced exactly counterbalances the weight of the ship.

A LIVING WITNESS.

Mrs. Hoffman Describes How She Wrote to Mrs. Pinkham for Advice, and Is Now Well.

DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—Before using your Vegetable Compound I was a great sufferer. I have been sick for months, was troubled with severe pain in both sides of abdomen, sore feeling in lower part of bowels, also suffered with dizziness, headache, and could not sleep. I wrote you a letter describing my case and asking your advice. You replied telling me just what to do. I followed your directions, and cannot praise your medicine enough for what it has done for me. Many thanks to you for your advice. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has cured me, and I will recommend it to my friends.—Mrs. FLORENCE R. HOFFMAN, 512 Roland St., Canton, O.

The condition described by Mrs. Hoffman will appeal to many women, yet lots of sick women struggle on with their daily tasks disregarding the urgent warnings until overtaken by actual collapse.

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FOR FARM AND GARDEN.

Trees Upside Down.

The quince roots so readily by bending over the top and covering it with earth that it is easily possible to reverse the natural order and make the tree after two years live with what were its roots in the air. These roots will then put forth leaves, and the year following will bear blossoms and possibly fruit. But for several years the tree set upside down will require to be propped, as the original growth was largest at the ground.

Plowing the Garden.

A great many weeds seed in the fall and nature hastens her processes so that those which it was thought could not possibly seed, will run up a seed stalk in time to perfect a few seeds before winter. But if plowed while still green, both the weed and its seed quickly rots in the soil. This fall plowing of the garden also brings up many insects and pupa which have found a winter hibernating place under some stone in the soil. Turning this up just before winter destroys the insects' hiding place; and the rains and melting snows destroy its vitality. What insects of all kinds dread most is not cold but moisture, and especially is this true in winter.

Give Cows Good Stables.

A cow, like a human being, suffers from bad environment. Stables must be dry, clean, well lighted, ventilated and comfortable, else the animals confined in them will suffer in health. Most of the bovine tuberculosis is made possible through the dirty, unventilated stables, and it spreads rapidly through herds when once introduced because of bad physical conditions.

A damp wet stable causes rheumatism in cows. Lack of ventilation and sunlight lowers their vitality, and makes them resemble children who are never allowed to breathe the pure air or to play in the sunlight. When to filth and dampness, to darkness and foul air is added the torture of the immovable stanchion, we may truly say the patient animals are confined in cow penitentiaries, and the conditions are such that to produce wholesome milk is an impossibility.

Grain Mixture for Stock.

Intelligent raisers of all kinds of stock are learning slowly but surely that in most cases a mixed feed is preferable to feeding a single kind of grain. In sheep sections bran is fed to a considerable extent, and raisers learn to rely upon it to a greater extent than its food value warrants. If oats and peas were fed it would be found that not only sheep, but cows would do better at about the same or less expense than on bran. They should be grown together in the proportion of one-third peas to two-third oats for sowing with the drill. Sow at the usual time for sowing oats, and cut when the oats are just ripe enough so that the berry is soft but not milky. In threshing it will be found that the oat crop is heavier than the pea crop, about one-fourth peas and three-fourths oats. Ground in this proportion they make a grand food for all stock, while fed as a soiling crop for cows they increase both flow and richness of milk. The oat and pea straw if not damaged by the weather is a good hay crop to alternate with timothy or clover for all stock, including horses. Both the small Canadian white pea and the Prussian pea are good for this purpose, the former the best for the grain, the latter for straw. —Atlanta Journal.

Utilizing Farm Wastes.

A new industry is being started in an eastern state, the purpose of which is to use flax waste or flax straw in the manufacture of "absorbent linen," high-grade paper, etc. This industry is probably suggested by the war, as in every such event "absorbent linen," or lint becomes of the first importance, because of its unequalled quality of rapidly taking up moisture of any kind. In the manufacture of paper, flax fibres have long been the main reliance for the highest quality of goods. Bond and fancy writing papers must doubtless be made of linen (rags are generally used) for many years. In view of this fact, it is passing strange that the thousands of tons of flax straw which every year are burned on the western prairies has not long since been used in the line of manufacture indicated above. Also the fact that whole forests of spruce wood have been cut down in recent years to make print papers shows that flax waste is too valuable to destroy by fire.

It occurs to us, however, that an eastern city is not a proper location for factories for working up this waste. The long railroad haul on the bulky waste in this material, from the grain fields in the west to the place of manufacture, is a waste in production which modern methods cannot tolerate. The factor necessary to success is to bring at least the preliminary stages of manufacture to the fields where the flax is grown. But, leaving these details out of consideration, it is a matter upon which the farmers are to be congratulated that one more waste product of the farm is about to be turned into a merchantable product of great importance and value.—Nebraska Farmer.

Protection of Grape Vines.

Though all our native grapes are entirely hardy when their wood has ripened, there are few years when vines which are allowed to bear all they will are not so injured by leaf mildew that a good deal of the later growth of wood fails to ripen. This is really no loss, for this extended growth is always cut back far beyond the green wood at pruning time. But it is a good reason for pruning as soon as possible after the grape leaves have fallen, and of burning the prunings, and also all the leaves that can be gathered, so as to destroy the spores of mildew which the e will carry over through the winter. Even if some of the prunings are too green to burn, passing them through a hot flame will destroy all the fungus they are bearing.

When the vines are pruned, and the pruning and leaves are gathered up, the vine should be loosened from its trellis and thrown upon the ground. It will probably not be killed if it stays upon the trellis, but covering the new wood during the winter saves it from exposure to sudden changes of temperature, which are always injurious. Do not take off this covering until danger of frost has passed, for the vine lying on the ground and not covered will put out leaves and shoots more quickly than it would if left exposed all winter on the trellis. There are more failures of grapes of late years from killing of the shoots by late frosts in spring than from any other cause. By keeping the vines near the ground with some covering to keep sunshine from reaching and warming them, the buds are held back until all danger of frost has passed. Then, if taken up and put on the trellis, the rapidity with which the shoots will put forth will surprise any who have not tried this method of wintering grape vines. The blossoms and fruit will be even earlier than they will on vines that have been exposed to air and sun all winter. All the work must be done within a few days, for after the buds begin to swell it is hard to handle the vines without breaking them off, which will cause the vine to "bleed" where the break occurred.—American Cultivator.

A Bad Way to Sell Poultry.

A writer living at Aurelia, Iowa, has this to say in the Poultry Tribune: Of late years a large part of the poultry raised on farms is sold to buyers who arrive at the railroad station with a poultry shipping-car and send messengers into the country to notify farmers of the fact.

It always provokes us to see farmers rushing into town with their poultry in their readiness to dispose of it at the paltry price which these men are willing to give for it. Truly "a chicken is a chicken" in the estimation of these buyers. They make no distinction between age, race or "previous conditions of servitude."

Everything goes at the same price, and that price is bad enough to meet the lowest estate that it is possible for a chicken to arrive at. It takes a hen of stupendous weight to bring twenty-five cents when sold to these buyers.

And yet the farmers seem to hail the coming of these buyers as a lucky stroke of fortune, no matter how pressing the farm work may be they count it no loss to drop their tasks for a day and haul their chickens to town for the purpose of almost giving them away.

The man who sells the best chickens which he can raise at twenty-five cents apiece when they are some months past a year old, cannot be expected to be very enthusiastic over the profits of poultry keeping. In fact, the man who habitually stands ready to prove that there is no profit whatever in the business. He does prove it to the satisfaction of many acquaintances and thus destroys all interest in a department of farm work which is susceptible of being made the source of considerable gain.

A farmer acquaintance living as remote from the central markets as northwestern Iowa recently told me that he always figures on his hens netting him fifty cents apiece. This man is not a "fancier," he is just a plain, common farmer—one of those fellows, however, who has an eye for business in everything which he does. He knows when to sell and who to sell to. He has made it his business to find this out. His surplus stock goes to a Chicago commission house in the shape of dressed poultry. It is so nicely dressed and packed that the commission house is always glad to get it and never fails to find a buyer for it at a price which is eventually satisfactory to the owner.

"Shall" and "Will."

According to Southey, the possession of "shall" and "will" gives the English language an advantage which is not possessed by all European languages. But apparently the meaning of "shall" is not yet fully defined. A case came before the Tribunal of Appeal, under the London building act, which turned on the meaning of the word. The Lion Brewery company, it appeared, were desirous to alter premises in Foubert's place, Regent street. Plans were approved by the county council, but before they were carried out deviations were proposed, and new plans were submitied. The council declined to sanction the new scheme. The building act provides that if anyone should desire to deviate from existing plans it should be lawful for him to apply to the county council, "who shall sanction such deviation on such terms as they shall think fit to impose." Counsel for the company held that no one could construe the word "shall" in an act of Parliament to mean "may." Mr. Hudson, one of the tribunal, asked if the council were bound to sanction all plans presented under such circumstances, as there would then be no object in the act. On behalf of the council it was maintained that, according to Lord Esher, the word "shall" was not always to be taken as having an obligatory sense. The tribunal gave the brewery people the benefit of the doubt and approved of the new plans subject to certain alterations. —The Architect.

Great Godfathers.

The Prince of Wales is certainly the champion godfather of Great Britain. He has officiated 75 times in that capacity. He also holds another unique record in this respect in having stood as godfather to the Duke of Marlborough as well as to the Duke of Marlborough's infant heir—that is, godfather to both the father and the son. The ceremony in connection with the baptism of the son took place at the chapel royal, St. James' place, in 1897, when the Prince of Wales, who had been one of the godfathers at the duke's christening, 25 years earlier, in the same chapel, acted in a similar capacity for the duke's heir, the other sponsors being the Marchioness of Blandford and William K. Vanderbilt. The emperor of Germany stands godfather to all seventh sons in Prussia. Empress Eugenie in one year acted as godmother to 3834 children who were born in France on March 16, 1856, the same day as the prince imperial. Cecil Rhodes is godfather to about 40 young scions of the aristocracy. It is his custom to transfer to each of the godchildren 50 shares of the DeBeers mines.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

A New York boy banged himself th other day. His mind had become unbalanced through excessive cigarette smoking.

The undertakers' and doctors' bills for this season's football games foot up to five deaths and thirty-three serious injuries.

Commodore Philip has been elected a member of the Young Men's Christian Association's international committee, and chairman of the sub-committee in charge of the association's work in the navy.

American ladies in Paris have subscribed to present Paris with an equestrian statue of Washington by Mr. French. It will probably be erected in the Place d'Iena.

Dr. Calmette, director of the Pasteur Institute, at Lille, France, has endowed that body with $50,000, the profits of one of his inventions at the distilleries of Seclin.

While kicking about in some dirt at the city dump, Leadville, Col., Frank Burkhart unearthed a cave in which he found fifty sacks of gold and silver ore, stolen from the mines and valued at $110,000.

Chinese Superstitions.

In a very fascinating article from the pen of Hon. Calvin S. Brice, in the December number of Ainslee's Magazine, appear many interesting peculiarities of this peculiar people. One instance among the many narrated by Senator Brice is the following:

"The feeling against the foreigner in China, which sometimes finds expression in outbreaks, is not natural. The Hon. Charles Denby, for thirteen years minister of the United States to China, has said recently that the natural feeling of the native of China for a foreigner is one of mere curiosity—that the attacks on foreigners are incited by those who are jealous of the strangers, or provoked by their supposed failure to conciliate local prejudice and superstition. For instance, a short railroad was built in China not many years ago which so excited the people to opposition that it was bought out by the Chinese authorities and thereupon torn up. This road, viz, the line of about twenty miles from Woosung and Shanghai, has been recently rebuilt and opened. When first constructed it encountered much native prejudice. Local superstition made the people believe that their ancestors, disturbed by the railway, were wandering about complaining. Where superstition is so general, local prejudices must be considered, and in the contract made with the Chinese government it is provided that graves are not to be disturbed; but the fact that a railway thus so rudely destroyed could, and indeed has had to be rebuilt in the same locality so soon again, is striking."

When Cook's Feelings Were Hurt.

A first-rate chef was in the employment of Lord Seaford, who, not being able to afford to keep the man, prevailed on the Duke of Wellington to engage him. Shortly after entering the Duke's service the chef returned to his former master and begged him, with tears in his eyes, to take him back at reduced wages or none at all. Lord Seaford asked: "Has the Duke been finding fault?" "Oh, no—he is the kindest and most liberal of masters; but I serve him a dinner that would have made Ude or Francatelli burst with envy and he says nothing! I go out and leave him to dine on a dinner badly dressed by my cook maid, and he say nothing. Dat hurt my feelings, my lord!"

Queen Wilhelmina, of Holland, is a firm believer in and a stout supporter of the Salvation Army. She and her mother regularly send generous checks to the organizations to further the work in Holland and its colonies.

Did you ever See a Snow Storm in Summer?

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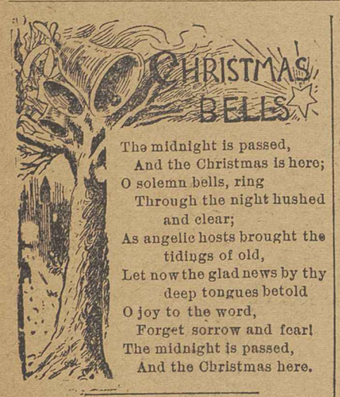


The midnight is passed,
And the Christmas is here;
O solemn bells, ring
Through the night hushed and clear;
As angelic hosts brought the tidings of old,
Let now the glad news by thy deep tongues betold
O joy to the word,
Forget sorrow and fear!
The midnight is passed,
And the Christmas here.

JACK'S CHRISTMAS FAIRIES.

By Edith Sessions Tupper.

Up to his ears in mischief all the time was Jack, yet he was the dearest, roundest, rosiest little lad imaginable. He was a picture of happy boyhood that afternoon, three days before Christmas, when, in his smart coat, trimmed in the most delightful military fashion with bands of Persian lamb and black frogs, and his jaunty cap set on his fair hair, and his fat hands protected by fur-trimmed gloves, he went into the park with his sled for a romp. He ran and shouted and pranced until his eyes glowed like stars and his cheeks shone like apples, and everybody who saw him said: "What a handsome boy!"

Jack, of course, was looking forward to Christmas, just as every boy and girl who reads this is looking forward to that day of all days. He expected to have all sorts of fine things in his stocking, and with very good reason, for Santa Claus had never neglected him. Jack's father was rich. Grandmamma, who was richer, was coming to spend the holidays, and Santa Claus had been telephoned on the subject of skates, drums, games, swords, guns and sweetmeats, and there was every prospect that when he called at Jack's home his sleigh would be very full indeed.

Jack was like all boys who have no brothers or sisters, a trifle selfish. But he was a manly, kind-hearted little chap for all that, and so, when he was through with his play and was dragging his sled homeward and came upon a scene on a street-corner which roused his sympathy he paused to find out what it meant.

A crowd of rough boys were tormenting a poorly-clad little girl, whose wan, haggard face spoke too plainly of misery and poverty. She was frightened and almost crying as Jack came up.

"Here, now!" said Jack, with sturdy determination, "you stop that or I'll call a p'liceman."

Fortunately at that moment a blue-coated officer came in sight, and the hoodlums fled with one wild departing yell.

"Thank you," said the little girl, timidly, "those boys allus are pickin' on me."

"What is your name?" said Jack.

"Susie Greene."

"Well, Susie," said Jack, with an air of business, "you look cold and sick."

"I an't very strong"——

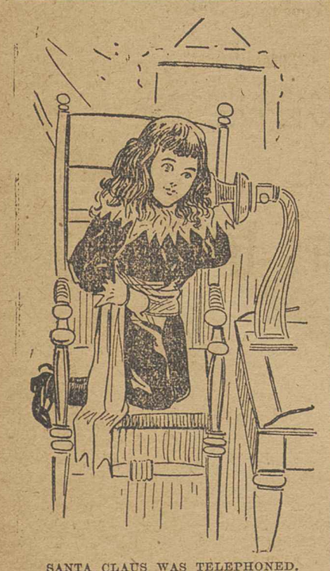
"And hungry," continued Jack.

Susie burst into tears.

That was enough for Jack.

"Get right on my sled," said he, determinedly, "and I'll take you down to my house and you'll have something to eat."

Susie obeyed, and the officer saw with grim pleasure the young heir to



SANTA CLAUS WAS TELEPHONED.

Mr. Newton's millions dragging off the little waif to his home, a block away.

"He do be a foine chap, he do be," remarked Policeman Mulvaney.

Jack took Susie into the kitchen and gave orders she should be fed forthwith. Then he hurried up to his mother's room. She was there with his grandmother, and in a few words he told them about the little girl he had rescued.

"She's poor and hungry, and she's got no decent clothes. Mamma, can't you fixed her up?"

His mother looked at him a moment, then asked, quietly: "Jack, would you rather have this little girl made comfortable or have a big Christmas yourself?"

Jack hesitated. He thought of all those presents he was expecting; then he thought of Susie thin dress and bursting shoes.

"You can take the money you were going to spend on my Christmas and fix her up," he bravely said. Then his grandmamma, a stately old lady, in black satin and white lace cap, called him to her and kissed him, with tears in her eyes.

Jack sat bolt upright in bed and rubbed his eyes very hard. No, he was not asleep. There was the open fire, there his clothes on the chair, there the door into his mother's room.

It was Christmas Eve. Jack had not hung up his stocking, for he did not expect any presents. Susie had been warmly clothed and her wretched home had been brightened by the visit of Jack and his mother. The boy was satisfied. He had made his choice and expected to abide by it.

But, marvellous to relate, as he looked towards the fire, he saw a crowd of tiny people hurrying and fussing about on the fur rug before the fire. Three or four had a miniature ladder which they were putting up against the side of the fireplace. Several others had hold of one of Jack's long stockings. When the ladder was in place, a little man, with elfish eyes and spider-like legs, climbed the ladder, dragging Jack's stocking after him, and hung it on a

HE STOPPED TO COMFORT HER.

hook and then, coming down, put his hands on his hips and surveyed his work with great satisfaction.

"That's what I call a good job," he said. "Now hurry up, you folk, and get your presents in there before St. Nicholas gets along."

Then fairy after fairy climbed the ladder and put in his presents. There was a fat brownie, who brought a basket of nuts from the woods.

"I have worked all day," he said, "looking under hedges and dead leaves to gather these nuts for the boy who was kind to Susie."

A quaint little fairy in a curious foreign gown and cap approached, "I have come clear from the borders of the Black Forest in Germany," she said, "to bring this music-box for the boy who was not ashamed to look after a poor little girl."

There was quite a stir as a remarkable fairy approached. He was copper-tinted and had a feather stuck in his black hair, and he bore on his shoulder a beautiful bow and arrow.

"From the lands of the setting sun I have come," said he. "I am a Puckwudje, an Indian fairy, but I wanted to bring an offering to the young paleface who has a good heart."

A merry little man in green climbed the ladder, hauling up a beautiful toy sword which he had brought from England for Jack. Then there followed one of the "good people" of Ireland with a drum which he had brought from the Emerald Isle. "Shure, it's hurryin' I must be after doin'," he cried, "to be back before daybreak."

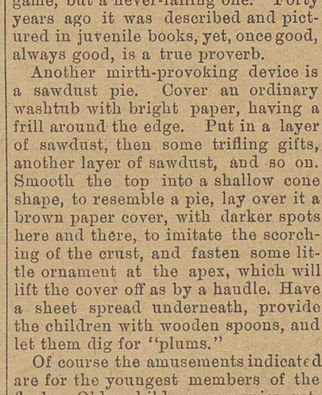
In the midst of all this excitement there came a pawing of tiny hoofs overhead and a jingling of bells, and a voice down the chimney cried, "Whoa!" very loudly.

At this every fairy vanished abruptly. But the stocking was left hanging there, and presently, with a scramble and rush, down the chimney came the good Saint himself. Jack knew him directly from his pictures. He examined the stocking attentively.

"So they've been here ahead of me!" he observed. "That's a great idea! I never was left before. Well, no matter! There are a few things they've forgotten. Here are the skates, the games, the box of caramels, the books," and as he talked he piled the packages up on a table near the fireplace.

Jack's eyes were so heavy he couldn't hold them open. He shut them for an instant, and when he opened them again it was Christmas morning.

He sprang from his bed and rushed to the fireplace. Yes, there hung his stocking full and running over, and



JACK RUBBED HIS EYES.

the table near by was loaded with gifts.

And, if you were to argue forever, you could never make Jack believe that there is no Santa Claus or such things as fairies.

"I know better," he says, with a decided shake of his curly head, "I know better, for I've seen them."

Christmas Fun.

Those mothers who wish their children's Christmas fun to be fun pure and simple, eschewing fashionable dances and other unsuitable diversions, will find the following suggestions useful:

A tissue-paper candy bag, hung from the chandelier, to be struck with a light rod or switch by each child, blindfolded, in turn, till the lucky one breaks the bag and the candies may be scrambled for, is sure to cause jollity and laughter. This is an old game, but a never-failing one. Forty years ago it was described and pictured in juvenile books, yet, once good, always good, is a true proverb.

Another mirth-provoking device is a sawdust pie. Cover an ordinary washtub with bright paper, having a frill around the edge. Put in a layer of sawdust, then some trifling gifts, another layer of sawdust, and so on. Smooth the top into a shallow cone shape, to resemble a pie, lay over it a brown paper cover, with darker spots here and there, to imitate the scorching of the crust, and fasten some little ornament at the apex, which will lift the cover off as by a handle. Have a sheet spread underneath, provide the children with wooden spoons, and let them dig for "plums."

Of course the amusements indicated are for the youngest members of the flock. Older children may enjoy getting up a Brownie party, a Japanese party, etc., in appropriate costumes. Or they will greatly enter into the spirit of making a number of poorer children happy, by packing a large basket or hamper with attractive little parcels, which they have prepared themselves, then passing them to the shabby little guests. The finest spirits are those who do not lose sight of the fact that Christmas is a time for making others happy, not a season for getting all one can and keeping all one gets.

After Christmas.

Mrs. Buffer—"That's a nice shoe-bag of yours. I had a present of one like it——"

Mrs. Muffer—"Shoe-bag? That's a photograph case. Mrs. Greely, who gave it to me, told me so."

Mrs. Buffer—"Horrors! And I thanked Mrs. Greely for a shoe-bag! I've a mantel drapery like yours, too."

Mrs. Muffer—"Is that a mantel drapery?"

Mrs. Buffer—"Certainly; Mrs. Spriggs, who gave me mine, told me so."

Mrs. Muffer—"And I thanked Mrs. Spriggs for some petticoat trimming!"

Both (in tears)—"Well, home-made presents ought always to be labeled, anyhow!"

Below Zero (and the Belt).

Ten Broke (after the refusal)—"How cold it is to-night. My hands are chilled."

Gwendolen—"Well, I have made you a Christmas present of the mitten. That ought to keep them warm."—The Yellow Book.

If I Were Santa Claus.

If I were only Santa Claus,
And Santa Claus was me,
I'd show to him just what a good
Old Santa Claus I'd be.
I'd always bring the kind of toys
And story books for him;
I'd find his stocking ev'ry year,
And fill it to the brim.
This year I'd bring a book or so
On how we conquered Spain,
Or how a boy pursued his foe
Across the Klondike plain.
And boxing gloves—and, say, I guess
A pistol would be great
To Klondike with. And then—oh, yes
A wheel for ninety-eight.
I'd bring a leather suit and hat—
The kind that cowboys wear.
Of bowie knives and things like that
He'd have a lot to spare.
I'd fill his stocking then with all
The candy it would hold,
And where the packages were small
I'd fill in round with gold.
And when they saw how good I was,
How happy folks would be
If I were only Santa Claus
And Santa Claus was me.

Her Christmas Stockings.

"She was the prettiest and brightest girl we had at our house party that winter," related the smiling old lady who loves to dwell upon the holiday festivities when she was a girl. "She was a great favorite with the men because of her dashing ways and the air of good comradeship that she always carried about with her. Yet we could never see that any one of her suitors was favored above another, and often wondered if she would fill the appointed destiny of woman.

"In the party was Harper Allison. We always called him Harpy. He was big, athletic, good-natured and good to look at, but we never thought of him as a brilliant man. It was as plain as could be that he was in love with her, and men of his type are so persistent. They lay siege, and, no matter what may come, they continue the siege.

"I know that he proposed to her a score of times, but he was always put off with the laughing assurance that she was not to be won by any of the stereotyped methods, and that if he ever did find a lodging place in her heart he would see a sign.

"Christmas Eve we all hung up our stockings outside our doors, just as a lark, you know. In the morning we all had presents to show but Harpy. He pretended to be disconsolate beyond consolation. He had put out a great long pair of woolen stockings, knit in black yarn and tipped in red by a fussy old aunt in Maine, who always feared that Harpy never dressed warmly enough. He had not only been slighted by Santa Claus, but the stockings themselves were gone.

"After dinner there was a sleigh ride of the old-fashioned kind. As she raised her dress to clamber into the big sled, we all saw that over her dainty shoes she wore heavy woolen stockings, and the toes were red. 'Now I know what I got,' shouted Harpy, and before us all he tossed her into the air, caught her as she came down and kissed her indefinitely."

Yule-Log Sparks.

About $120,000,000 is spent on Christmas gifts yearly in this country.

The custom of making gifts is widest spread among the Germans.

Snapdragon, a one-time favorite game at Christmas, is again coming into favor.

Skating over the frozen marshes was a favorite holiday pastime among the Knickerbockers.

The custom of giving the turkey the first place on the bill of fare at Christmas is gradually giving way to the old English plan of providing a huge round of beef.

A pretty conceit for trimming Christmas trees is a paper star with a candle in the center. They are made after the manner of the "pin wheel" and commemorate the appearance of the Star of Bethlehem.

To feed Greater New York on Christmas Day it is estimated that it will take among other things, 1700 head of cattle, 7000 tons of poultry, 1700 barrels of cranberries and three carloads of celery.

The best bag to use for the Christmas pudding is made of thin unbleached muslin. Be sure that it is well scalded before the pudding goes in. Keep a supply of clean, strong, white tape for pudding strings.

When the Heart Grows Warm.

Santa Claus might reconnoiter in an air ship.

It is time now to begin to remember not to spell it "Xmas."

To get the right height and measure of Christmas in the stocking feet is by no means a bad plan.

The young people are not alarmed at that anti-Santa Claus movement. They are preparing to turn the hose on it.

If the weather clerk will send a little snow for Christmas he will not be required to put it in the hanging stockings. It will be appreciated if it is left outside.

Helping Santa.

There is nothing slow about Johnnie.—From Christmas Life.

THE NATION'S PRESIDENT IN ALABAMA

Mr. McKinley Given Enthusiastic Welcome at Montgomery.

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References to Gen. Wheeler, His Daughter, and Lieut. Hobson Thrilled the Hearts of Alabamians With Pride—At Tuskegee.

The president and his party were given a magnificent welcome in Montgomery, confederacy's first capital, Friday.

The president's train was escorted from Atlanta to Tuskegee and thence to Montgomery by the state assembly, Governor Johnston, Chief Justice McClellan and a party of ladies. The assembly's train came in ahead of the president's. At the union station the presidential party was met by the governor, committees from the assembly, the mayor and city council and the Commercial and Industrial Association. Mayor Clisby received the president with a well-worded speech at the station. The whole party was then taken in carriages through the leading business and residence streets to the old confederate capitol. The entire route was ablaze with the national colors, while tremendous crowds lined the streets as far as the eye could reach.

Capitol Hill was one mass of humanity when the lines of carriages, escorted by the local military companies, reached it at 3 o'clock. When Governor Johnston escorted President McKinley into the hall there was a tremendous demonstration. Governor Johnston made a brief speech, in which he took occasion to say that Alabama had nothing to take back for what she did in 1861, but that she was back in the union to stay and that she welcomed the president of the reunited country to the historic spot around the assemblage.

The President's Address.

Mr. McKinley replied as follows:

"To the General Assembly and Citizens: The warm-hearted welcome which has been given me by the citizens of Alabama has deeply touched me, and in return for it I cannot find language to express my gratitude and appreciation. To be welcomed here in the city of Montgomery, the first capital of the Confederate States, warmly and enthusiastically welcomed as the president of a common country, has filled and thrilled me with emotion. Once the capital of the confederacy, now the capital of a great and glorious state, one of the indestructible states of an indestructible union.

"The governor says he has nothing to take back. We have nothing to take back for having kept you in the union. We are glad you did not go out and you are glad you stayed in. (Tremendous applause.)

"Alabama, like all the states of the union, north and south, has been loyal to the flag and steadfastly devoted to the American nation and to American honor. There never has been in the history of the United States such a demonstration of patriotism from one end of this country to the other as in the year just passing, and never has American valor been more brilliantly illustrated in the battle line, on shore and on the battleship at sea, than by the soldiers and sailors of the United States.

"Everybody is talking of Mother Hobson, and justly so, but I want to thank Mother Hobson in this presence.

"Everybody is talking about General Wheeler, one of the bravest of the brave, but speak, I want to, of that sweet little daughter that followed him to Santiago (great applause) and ministered to the sick at Montauk Point. (cheers.)

"I have spoken in many places and at many times of the heroism of the American army and the American navy, but in our recent conflict the whole people were patriots. Two hundred thousand people were called for and a million rushed to get a place in the ranks. (Great applause.) And millions more stood ready, if need be. (Prolonged applause.) I like the feeling of the Amercian people that we ought not to have a large standing army, but it has been demonstrated in the last few months that we need a standing army large enough to do all the work required while we are in peace, and only rely on the great body of the people in an emergency to help us fight our battles. (Applause.)

"We love peace; we are not a military nation, but whenever the time of peril comes, the bulwark of this people rests in the patriotism of its citizens, and this nation will be safe for all time, because 75,000,000 of people love it and will give up their lives to sustain and uphold it. (Great applause.)

"I thank you, my fellow citizens, for this generous warmth and wealth of welcome which you have given me today, and I shall go back to my duties at our great capital feeling that we have a united country that acknowledges allegiance to but one authority, and will march forever unitedly under one flag, the glorious old stars and stripes." (Tremendous cheering and applause.)

The audience constantly punctured the president's remarks with the wildest demonstrations of approval, and especially his tributes to Lieut. Hobson's mother, and General Wheeler's daughter.

As soon as he had finished, the Governor started to escort the president away for a reception at his office, but the audience would not have it. They called for General Wheeler, General Shafter, General Lawton, Secretaries Alger and Long and Postmaster-General Smith, who responded with short speeches.

He next went to meet the colored people of the city at Old Ship church, where a great throng received him enthusiastically. He made a short, but forceful speech there.

This ended the ceremonies of the day.

The party was conveyed back to the train, and at 6:30 o'clock, amid the boom of cannon, the president left for Savannah.

At Tuskegee.

The special train bringing the Alabama legislature reached Tuskegee at 6:30 a. m. The procession formed at the Tuskegee depot and marched through the city on their way to the Normal school. The president's carriage was drawn by four beautiful bays. In the carriage with the president were Governor Johnston, of Alabama; Colonel Foster, of Tuskegee, and Booker T. Washington. In the other carriages were Mrs. McKinley and other ladies of the president's party, members of the cabinet and Gens. Wheeler, Shafter and Lawton.

The president and party first reviewed more than 600 boys and 300 girls of the Normal school and 200 children of the training school.

The president then made an address to the Colored Normal school.

PRIVATE COURTMARTIALED.

Henry S. Moore Dishonorably Discharged and Sentenced for Five Years.

The First infantry, at Huntsville, received orders from Washington Saturday to hold itself in readiness for embarkation for Cuba. The regiment has been inspected and recommended for service.

Private Henry S. Morse, company H, sixteenth infantry, was tried and convicted by a courtmartial on the charge of desertion in the face of the enemy. He was dishonorably discharged and sentenced to five years imprisonment at hard labor.

TRAINS WRECKED.

Several Persons Hurt in a Collision Near West Point, Miss.

The west bound passenger train on the Southern railway collided with the Mobile and Ohio freight early Saturday night at the crossing of the two roads, completely demolishing the rear coach and severely injuring a number of passengers.

The injured are: Henry Watson, shoulder broken and injured internally, probably fatal; Miss Minnie Gilson, chest injured; Miss Ida May Lowe, head severely cut, all of West Point; Mr. Baker, a traveling man, badly bruised; W. A. Stallings, manager Postal Telegraph Company, two ribs broken.

RIOT IN HAVANA SUBURBS.

Patriots of Cerro Hoisted American Flag Before Town Was Evacuated.

A riot occurred at Cerro, a suburb of Havana, Saturday night. A number of shots were fired. One man is reported to have been killed and five wounded. The residents of Cerro, supposing that the Spaniards had officially evacuated the suburbs, raised Cuban and American flags over a number of buildings. Crackers were fired and speeches were made on street corners and these led to the riot.

IS GENERAL GOMEZ DEAD?

Conflicting Reports in Circulation Regarding the Cuban Leader.

The report that General Maximo Gomez is dead, which, according to a dispatch from Madrid, was received there from Havana, cannot be confirmed at Havana, though a rumor of his death has been in circulation for several days. In contradiction of the report is another to the effect that General Gomez left his camp at Yaguajay, province of Santa Clara, and with his main forces went into camp in the Sipuanoa mountains. This report has it that General Gomez is in good health.

How Troops Will Be Apportioned.

General Wade, in his recommendation that 50,000 troops be sent to Cuba, asked that they be apportioned as follows:

Guanajay, 1,000 infantry; Meriel, 1,000 infantry; Pinar del Rio, 1,000 infantry; Havana, 22,000 infantry and 2,000 cavalry; Matanzas, 7,000 infantry and 1,000 cavalry; Cardenas, 2,000 infantry; Cienfuegos, 2,000 infantry and 1,000 cavalry; Trinidad, 2,000 infantry; Sagna La Grande, 1,000 infantry; Santa Clara, 1,000 infantry; Placetas, 1,000 infantry; Caibarien and Remedios, 1,000 infantry: Sancti Spiritus, 1,000 infantry; Neuvitas and Puerto Principe, 1,000 infantry and 1,000 cavalry; Manzanillo, 1,000 infantry.

May Yet Rescue the Maine.

The navy department has not yet abandoned the hope of rescuing the Maine from Havana harbor, and bringing the wreck back to this country for rehabilitation, nor does it seem likely, from the interest taken by responsible wrecking experts, that the Cristobal Colon will permitted to pound to pieces on the shore west of Santiago. The board of construction has under consideration a formal proposition for the salvage of both vessels and their delivery at New York or such other ports in the United States as the government might select.

CURRENT EVENTS IN ALABAMA.

Aldrich Files Notice of Contest.

In Montgomery Friday G. B. Deans served a notice of contest on Gaston A. Robbins, the member-elect from the Fourth district to the Fifty-sixth congress.

Coal Miner Killed.

Daniel McCoy, a young white miner in the employ of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad company, was killed in slope No. 5, at Pratt City, by a fall of coal. He was mining at the time, and in some way a large piece of coal became loosened and fell upon him, crushing him to a shapeless mass.

Missionary to Cuba.

Rev. O. P. Speigel, pastor of the First Christian church of Birmingham, has been advised through the secretarp of the foreign mission board of his church that at a meeting of the board held in Cincinnati it was decided to offer him the post of missionary to Havana and surrounding territory.

Plethoric Prosperity.

The iron trade reached its apex of activity Friday in Birmingham when Alabama furnace masters refused to book orders for the export trade. Their refusal was due entirely to the fact that the furnace yards are entirely empty and the furnaces have orders for all they can possibly turn out. Two orders, aggregating 3,000 tons for export, were declined.

One Lesson of the War.

Gov. J. F. Johnston, in an interview Friday, said: "The recent war shows how necessary it is to have a well organized and disciplined body of state troops ready for instant service. The standing army should be supplemented by such a body. I trust all the states will respond to the call of Governor Bloxham, and that a large number of delegates will assemble at Tampa, Fla., on February 8 to consider the reorganization of state militia service."

A Soldier Killed.

Corpl. Wilson, the cook for Company D, Third Alabama, shot and instantly killed Sergt. Charles Evans, of the company at Anniston Friday. The men had a quarrel in the morning, and when Evans appeared late for his share of the dinner Wilson reprimanded him and the trouble was renewed. Evans went to his tent for his gun and when he returned Wilson, who had also procured a Springfield, shot him through the head, killing him instantly.

A Deputy U. S. Marshal in Trouble.

United States Marshal Cooper for the northern district of Alabama, has removed from office Deputy United States Marshal D. R. Burgess, and the latter has been arrested on the charge of having secured money from various parties by false pretenses. The scheme which it is charged he worked was to go to some one and represent that he had a warrant for the party's arrest, usually for illicit distilling or retail liquor dealing, and tell him that he was authorized to compromise the matter. Burgess made bond and was released.

EX-GOV. STONE'S OPINION.

Democratic Party Will Continue to Fight for Free Silver.

Ex-Governor Wm. J. Stone, of Missouri, was in Chicago the past week in consultation with democratic leaders. "It has been stated and persistently reiterated in the face of positive denial, that I had entered into some horrible scheme with Mr. Croker and others to have the next national convention repudiate the Chicago platform and do divers other dreadful things. All such talk is regarded as absurd, which it is. The democratic party of the United States is composed of those who supported Mr. Bryan and who will stand on the platform of the party. There are no other kind of democrats."

Gen. Castillo Dead.

The Cuban brigadier-general, Rogedo Castillo, died Saturday from pneumonia at Guanabacoa.

Gen. Fitzhugh Lee called upon Gen. Castellanos, who, in the course of their conversation, said he had always greatly admired Gen. Robert E. Lee. Gen. Lee and Gen. Castellanos exchanged compliments.

Gen. Lee Governor of Havana Province.

HAVANA.—The United States transport Panama, with Gen. Fitzhugh Lee and his staff on board, entered the harbor Wednesday morning. General Lee was informed by a correspondent of the Associated Press of his appointment as governor of the province of Havana. He said he was much gratified, but had only wished for a military command.

Near Oconee, Ga., Mrs. Joyner killed her sister, Miss Hardeman, an aged lady, last Saturday. Mrs. Joyner has been regarded as being crazy for some time, but she was not thought to be dangerous. She brained her sister with a blunt iron weapon.

Opera House Sold.

A deal was consummated in Birmingham Saturday whereby the O'Brien opera house and hotel property at First avenue and Nineteenth street was acquired from the Whelan estate by A. L. Fulenweider and Henry Badham, both of Birmingham, Mr. Fulenweider being a capitalist and Mr. Badham cashier of the Berney National bank. The Whelan estate was paid $22,000, and mortgages amounting to $37,500 were assumed by the purchasers. The new owners propose to add two stories to the building, now four stories high.

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County Directory.

State Senator—G. B. Deans.
Representative—W. H. Sturdivant.

CIRCUIT COURT.

Circuit Judge—Geo. E. Brewer.
Circuit Solicitor—T. W. Coleman.
Circuit Clerk—John P. Pearson.
Sheriff—E. F. Vest.
Terms of Court—Eighth Monday after the Fourth Monday in January and July, continuing three weeks.

CHANCERY COURT.

Chancellor—R. B. Kelly.
Register Chancery—J. R. White.
Terms of Court—First Thursdays after Second Mondays in March and September.

COUNTY COURT.

County Judge—A. P. Longshore.
County Clerk—John P. Pearson.
County Solicitor—W. R. Olivor.
Terms of Court—Fourth Mondays in February, May, August and November.
Probate Court—Second Mondays in each month.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

Probate Judge—A. P. Longshore.
Clerk—John P. Pearson.
Sheriff—E. F. Vest.
Treasurer—W. A. Tallant.
Supt. of Education—E. Williams
Tax Collector—J. H. Robertson.
Tax Assessor—John S. Pitts.
County Surveyors—F. M. McEwen and A. P. R. Dahl.

COMMISSIONERS COURT.

First District—John E. Dykes.
Fourth District—John T. Glaze.
Second District—Pleasant Shaw.
Third District—R. J. Griffin.
Terms of Court—First Mondays in January, April, June, October, and Second Mondays in May and July.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

Beat 1—B. L. Moore, Columbiana; terms of court every Thursday.
Beat 1, box 2—W. E. Seale, Shelby; terms of court every Wednesday.

WE THANK YOU.

This being the last issue of The Advocate for this year, we desire to express our sincere thanks to our subscribers and advertisers for their liberal patronage, and to our correspondents for their hearty co-operation in our endeavor to make The Advocate the leading paper of our county. We have endeavored to give the news fully, concisely and truthfully, and during the year 1899 we hope to make our paper still more interesting, and trust to have your continued support and help. A merry Christmas and a happy new year do we wish you, and may our Heavenly Father bless you abundantly.

The fight that is now on is a fight for liberty.

If the Democrats could hold all the offices they would never have a constitutional convention.

The Democrats have got to be such rascals that they had to have a primary election law passed.

President McKinley has been accorded a royal welcome by the people of the South in his recent visit to this section.

When a Democrat tells you that they will not disfranchise a single white man, ask him if he ever knew the Democrats to carry out a single promise.

The negroes who sold their votes to the Democratic party last August will have another opportunity to sell themselves and their posterity into abject slavery.

If every plank in the Populist platform should be ingrafted on the new constitution when the convention meets, we will soon have the foremost state in the union.

High tariff and low tariff, gold standard and free silver will have to take back seats in Alabama until after the next constitutional convention shall have done its work.

At the election next July a number of people will cast their last vote, and the negro is not the only one who will suffer in that way. In Mississippi more than half of the white people have been disfranchised.

In the death of General Garcia, the Cuban cause has lost one of it ablest advocates.

The Democrats want to eliminate the negro from politics, but Dallas county will give six to eight thousand majority for the convention just the same. Not withstanding she only has about two thousand white voters in the county.

The Democrat that said to the two negroes that he had more respect for a negro than he did a poor white man, is worth about thirteen cents, but feels like when he is in the western part of the county the eastern part flies up, his weight is so great.

A leading Democrat here in Columbiana told two leading negroes last Friday night that it was not the negro that they wanted to disfranchise, but that it was the poor white man. That they had more respect for the negro than they did the poor white man.

It is the white men in the white counties that the Democrats want to disfranchise. Why do they want to disfranchise the negro? Take the counties that have the largest number of negroes and you will find the strongest Democratic counties. Take the counties that has got scarcely a negro in them and the Populist and Republicans carries them always by a large majority. Watch our prediction, it is the white man as well as the negro that they want to get rid of.

When the negro is eliminated from politics there will be honest elections, and the Government will be better for having them.—Chronicle.

It has not been but a short time since The Chronicle said that there was no fraud in the Alabama elections. Now hear him. He says when the negro is eliminated from politics there will be honest elections in Alabama. There is still something behind the curtains, it is not the negro that they want to eliminate, for they steal thousands of their votes every election to carry it. But they expect to fool a majority of the white people into voting for the convention by making them believe that it will be only the negro that will be disfranchised, knowing at the same time that the poor and illiterate white man will be debared the right to vote just the same as the negro that is in the same circumstances.

Populism Not Dead.

It is funny to read in a Democratic press "Populism is dead," then in the same papers see printed the meeting presided ov r by leading officers and leading citizens, demanding municipal ownership of all public utilities, such as lights and water and other things the public is interested in, pure populism—yet populism is dead—so say the organs of the gangs.—Colquitt County Courier.

Pointed Paragraphs.

From the Chicago News.

A man who has no enemies has but few friends.

It's useles for a man to study who doesn't think.

The less important a man is the more badges he puts on his coat.

Some men might just as well be insane for all the sense theyv'e got.

It takes more than nine tailors to make a man out of a cigarette dude.

Lots of married men joined the army because they were tired of fighting.

Some men are truthful at all times—except when their wives ask for money.

It's always the last swallow that is responsible for the fully developed jag.

Too great a command of language sometimes lessens a woman's matrimonial chances.

Swift feet get a man out of lots of scrapes that his tongue gets him into.

Only a thick-headed person can successfully pose as a model of self-conceit.

There is usually an invisible motive back of the hand that is extended to help others.

It is said that the western ranch owners are trying to form a cattle trust. The stock will no doubt be watered daily.

How inconsistent some people are. Just a few months ago the Chronicle was persuading the negroes to vote the Democratic ticket, saying the Democrats were the best friends the negro had. Now it comes out boldly against the negro and says he must be disfranchised. And we expect before the campaign is over to see it advise the negro to vote the Democratic ticket in order to get rid of themselves.

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Fancy Dress Outing Flannels at	5
Hickory or Cheviot Shirtings at	5
Brown Drill Canton Flannel at	5
10-4 Brown Shirtings at	12½
All-Wool Filling, double-width, Twilled Cashemeres, or Fancy Figured, per yard	10
Ladies' Hose, per pair	5
Childrens' Hose, all sizes, per pair	5
Ladies' Embroideried Handkerchiefs	5
1 Box Linen Writing Paper and Envelopes	5
2 spools Machine Thread	5
60-inch wide Turkey Red Table Cloth, at	25
Ladies' Corsets, all sizes, at	25
Ladies' double Capes, Collars and Upper Capes, trimmed with Santache fur, at	35
Heavy Melton Capes, trimmed with braid and fur	50
Ladies' Buckclay Black capes	2.00
Ladies' Silk Plush Capes	1.75
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Fancy Laundried Overshirts, collars and cuffs attached	25
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J. R. DYKE.
Administrator of the Estate of J. S. Dyke, deceased.

Estray Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the following described animal was taken up by Van Cross on his premises on or about Nov. 5th, 1898, to-wit: One bay horse, about 12 years old, holds head high, two teeth gone from upper jaw, about 16½ hands high, a small scar on point of left shoulder, and one near top of the right shoulder, left fore foot has a large scar on inner side of leg passing from toe of hoof on innef side up and around under paster joint to outerside of foot, also a scar on outside of same joint, a little hog-backed with a few white hairs on right hip, and scar around under right paster joint, weight about 950 pounds, appraised at $25.00. Proceedings had before J. M. Farley, J. P., Bridgeton, Alabama.

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SOCIAL AND LOCAL NEWS.

Points About People You Know and Some You Don't Know. News From Different Beats.

Will Vest visited Montevallo last week.

J. P. Harrell has moved his family to Shelby.

I. P. O. Horton, of beat 8, was in town Tuesday.

Miss Ella Tallant is visiting relatives in Calera.

Henry Farr, of Fourmile, was in the city Tuesday.

Mrs. Sam Lefkovits is visiting relatives in Bessemer.

J. M. Crenshaw, of beat 8, was in the city Tuesday.

R. W. Cobb, of Woodlawn, was in the city Tuesday.

Miss Bessie Robertson was on the sick list last week.

C. L. Meroney, of Montevallo, was in the city Monday.

Capt. J. P. Christian, of Shelby, was in the city Saturday.

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Mrs. A. W. Strickland visited relatives at Dogwood last week.

George E. Mason spent a short while in Childersburg Monday.

Knit Jackets and Farcinators cheap at Red Store Company.

Remember the entertainment at the school house Friday night.

W. M. Calohan, of Blocton, spent a short while in the city Sunday.

Dr. Givan, of Montevallo, was in the city Monday.

J. P. Pearson spent several days this week at Bridgeton on business.

W. R. A. Milner visited relatives in Anniston several days last week.

Best flavoring extracts, perfumery, toilet soaps, etc., in the city, Columbiana Drug Company.

Prof. F. Mynatt has been having a touch of the grippe for several days.

J. W. Harrell and wife spent Sunday evening with Shelby relatives.

Call on Dr. Lovett and have him insure your property against loss by fire.

Benzine for cleaning clothes, full weight, 10 cents, Columbiana Drug Company.

W. A. Parker, Phillip Erlick and Max Lefkovits spent Sunday on Yellow Leaf.

You can find Watches and Jewelry of all kinds at T. J. Weaver's jewelry shop.

See change of advertisement of the Columbiana Drug Company in another column.

Rev. A. E. Burns filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church Sunday.

Don't forget the supper at the residence of Rev. W. I. Simnott's next Monday night.

James Mason has moved to his residence on depot street, recently vacated by T. L. Seale.

Full line of Ladies' and Misses spring heel, Lace or Button Shoes at Red Store Company.

J. W. Moore and family, of Sterrett, passed through the city Tuesday en route to Texas.

If your watches, clocks and jewelry need repairing, take them to T. J. Weaver, the jeweler.

Miss Minnie Woods, of Talladega, is now stenographer for J. R. White, register in chancery.

If you want to get a nice Xmas present for your best friend, go to T. J. Weaver's jewelry shop.

Mr. Levi Longshore returned Monday from Atlanta where he has been for the past three months.

All our Boy's Suits and Boy's Overcoats at actual cost.
Red Store Company.

A nickle saved is a nickle made. Make money by buying your drugs, etc, from the Columbiana Drug Co.

Walter Richardson, of Waxahatchie, has moved to the Jim Mason place near the Southern depot.

The Columbiana Public School dismissed for the holidays Tuesday, and will not take up until January 2.

The Presbyterian church is being recovered. A new coat of paint would add greatly to its appearance.

Mrs. F. W. Gist and children have moved back from Calera and are now occupying the Spencer residence.

Just as we go to press we learn of the death of Mr. J. B. Weaver, who had been sick for some time from a complication of troubles. He will be buried to-day in the cemetery here. A wife and three children survive him, his daughter, Mrs. J. T. Evans, being in Texas at this time.

We Beg You.

This being the closing issue of The Advocate for 1898, we beg you to pay up your subscriptions as a Christmas gift. A paper needs money in order to keep running, and unless our subscribers pay their subscriptions we can not hope to give them the news they would like. If you cannot pay all you owe us, pay us part and we will appreciate your efforts. We do not like to stop a subscribers paper for non-payment of subscriptions, but it costs us something to send you your papar. We therefore beg you again to be prompt in making your payments, as we need the money to enjoy Christmas.

An Old Time Christmas Party.

The following is the program of the entertainment to be given in the College building Friday night, December 23:

Joy to the world—Choir.
Recitation—Alma Strickland.
Merry Christmas—Children.
Recitation—Braddie Browne.
Song—Children.
Recitation—Lily May Liles.
Tableau—Goddess of Liberty.
Recitation—Mary McMillan.
An Old Time Christmas Party.
Recitation—Elna Elliott.
Recitation—Julia Liles.
Song—Children.
Recitation—Omer Burns.
Tableau—A little child's prayer.
Recitation—Margrett Browne.
Watching for Santa Claus.

Another Fire Sunday.

About 8:45 Sunday morning the White House was discovered on fire and the alarm was given quickly, receiving the usual prompt response from our fire department, which includes every male citizen in our town, old enough to work. The fire originated in the walls of a room occupied by Sam Lefkovits, caused, no doubt, from a defective flue. The fire, per se, did not do much damage, but the damage incured from water, the tearing down of plaster and cutting floors, etc., will amount to, perhaps, $150.00, fully covered by insurance.

NOTES ABOUT THE FIRE.

Judge J. T. Leeper, Jr., was busily engaged tieing his shoe, when the reporter reached his room, which was being flooded with water and cut up with axes, but was not too excited to complain from the tooth ache.

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Mr. Gist came down from his room after the fire was out and wanted to know the cause of so much excitement.

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Max Lefkovits was found at the gate trying to ride his trunk. He took it for a "dummy."

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Mayor Thetford was roused up and wanted to find the marshall so he could have the disturber of his pleasant dreams show a good and sufficient reason for doing so.

Attention Teachers.

Your money will be ready on or before pay day, or as fast as your reports are sent in by mail.
Eugene Williams,
Supt. of Education.

Fresh Hops at Columbiana Drug Company.

I. D. Mason spent yesterday in Talladega on business.

Robert McEwen, of Wilsonville, was in the city yesterday.

George Vest, of Belle-Ellen, is visiting relatives in the city.

Cologne from 5 cents a bottle to $3.00 a bottle, Columbiana Drug Company.

Mrs. W. A. Lovett left Monday for Kempsville, being called to the bedside of her father, Mr. T. E. Dennis.

Violin, Guitar, Banjo and Mandolin strings, Columbiana Drug Company.

We have a nice line of Gents slippers suitable for Christmas presents.
Red Store Company.

For Gonorrhea, take our flexible Balsom Capabia and Oleoresin Cubeb capsules, pleasant and non-irritating. Columbiana Drug Co.

Stuarts Gin and Buchee Invigorating Cordial, for all kinds of kidney troubles, irritated bladder, frequent micturition, etc., Columbiana Drug Co.

Miss Mattie Hand who has been the guest of Mrs. B. L. Moore, returned to her home at Jemison last Saturday.

In another column will be found the advertisement of Solomon & Levi of Birmingham. When you need anything in their line don't fail to see them.

Misses Essie Mason, Pattie Mason, Anna Milner and Edna Nelson arrived home from the Tuscaloosa Female College to-day, and will remain through the holidays.

One cannot handle a smutty pot long without getting smutty or receiving a reflection from its dark color. Hold yourself above suspicion by touching not the unclean thing.

A Card.

Thanking my host of friends for their liberal patronage and hoping to merit it in the future, and also wishing for them a merry Christmas and a happy new year. I am still yours to serve you for the cash.

J. H. Hammond,
Cash Grocer at Lowest Figures.

Vincent.

Miss Floy Montgomery, our popular milliner, went over to Birmingham Sunday to spend the day with relatives, and reported a fine time.

Miss Minnie Pelham will leave Saturday for St. Stephens, Ala., to visit her parents through the holidays. Miss Minnie will be missed very much by the young people.

W. H. Kidd is on the sick list this week.

Another wedding! Mr. John Moore and Miss Atta Gasaway were married Sunday by Rev. R. A. Kidd. Who will be the next to "hop the conjugal twig"?

Supt. Eugene Williams will leave for Lexington, Miss., next Thursday for a weeks visit to friends and relatives and review the scenes of his childhood days. We wish him a pleasant trip.

G C. Pitts visited the Magic city this week—went over to buy that girl a present.

Our agent, Mr. Tucker, has his parents visiting him this week.

A merry Xmas to all.

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Wilsonville Items.

Charlie Bolin returned from a sojourn in Atlanta Saturday.

J. F. Pope returned from Atlanta Friday where he has been for the last three days buying Xmas goods.

J. C. Jackson is all smiles now, its a girl.

The Hon. Speine Kytle attended the yap party at Mr. J. H. Weldon's Friday night.

John Gwin, of the Coosa River Shingle Co., was on the streets Sunday.

There is a new store nearing completion in town, and it is reported that a Jew will put in a stock of goods here soon.

Frank Irwin, of the Rome Hardware Co., was in the city Sunday.

Pierce Jackson is suffering with rheumatism caused from going barefooted while having his shoes fixed.

J. L. Ray went to Anniston Friday on business.

Capt. John W. Bolin and his little son John, returned from Atlanta Saturday.

W. H. Nimmo is out collecting for Sam Shaw this week.

A. G. Weldon, of Demopolis, came up to see his wife and children Sunday.

Speine Kytle visited the parson's Sunday. Another wedding I suppose.

Lon Smith, the genial hobo, is talking of going to New York or committ suicide one, he don't know which.

John Brown, Jr., is complaining of sore feet, caused from tramping from the City of Mexico to Wilsonville.

There was a yap party at the residence of Mr. J. H. Weldon's last Friday night, which was a howling success.

Mr. Will McEwen and Miss Mary Armstrong carried off the prizes which was a fine comb and thank yer bag.

The dance at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mooney's last Friday night was a success in every way. It created quite a sensation among the old people and gave the parson something to say.

NIT AND NOT.

Spring Junction.

Our farmers are about through sowing wheat and oats, and are now preparing for Christmas holidays.

Rev. Mr. Davis filled his regular appointment at Hope Well last Sunday, and delivered an interesting sermon to a good congregation.

Miss Emma Phillips has returned from an extended visit to relatives at Greensboro, much to the delight of her many friends.

H. M. Abercrombie was the happy guest of Miss Birdie Mitchell last Sunday.

Chas. Jones, of near Longview, spent Saturday night at J. T. Holcomb's on his way to Talladega to spend a few days with relatives.

C. C. Ray was the guest of Miss Minnie Holcomb last Sunday.

Edward Mitchell and mother visited relatives at Mumford and Anniston several days last week.

J. T. Holcomb visited relatives in the Corinth vicinity last Sunday.

P. H. Hardaman has moved to this place from Montevallo.

Wiley Horton and wife, of near Columbiana, visited relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. Straiton, of Greensboro, is visiting relatives at this place.

COLONEL.

BUSIER AND BUSIER.

A Magnificent and Tremendous Stock of Boy's, Youths and Mens' Clothing Just Received From the Largest Manufactures of New York City, Will be Now Sold at Manufacturing Cost.

NOW IS YOUR CHANCE EVERY SALE A BARGAIN SALE.

Our Special Sale brought in a great many people. They all agree that our prices can not be duplicated. We promise to protect the interest of our customers by providing the best goods, the newest and the finest goods. From the fact that every one trading with us gets a square deal or nothing. We tell just exactly what you are buying, or in other words we sell truthful goods, that is the whole story. "Honesty is the best policy." We try to make an honest profit, and a little as possible, so that the buyer may come back to us. This we have shown the people since our 8 years stay here.

Just Compare These Invincible Prices:

Augusta, Ga., best yard wide sheeting, extra heavy, at 4 cents.
Extra heavy 5 cent cotton checks, now 3 cents.
Beautiful patterns 8 cents, Rescue Plaids now a yard 5 cents.
10 balls, No. 1 thread, full weight, for 5 cents.
An elegant line of Sateens, just arrived, from Rhode Island Mills, beautiful patters, lovely Designs and Brocaded, reap this great value at 6 cents.
Stylish colors, Ducking Dress Patterns, fast colors, guaranteed the Best Value, regular 10 cents, now 6 1-2 cents.
Just for this season, extra heavy, wide ouring, 5 1-2 cents.
Kings Best Machine Thread, 200 yards on a spool, 2 cents.
Another big lot of Woolen Breadfast shawls, 10 cents.
Solid colors sateens, Blue, Black and Brown, it can not be beat for the price, now 5 cents.
Bundle of Duck, known all over the State as 90 cents, only 70 cents.

Solid Ladies Polka Shoes, come and get it at 69 cents.
Solid Glove grain button or lace, Ladies Shoes now at 94 cents.

CONSIDER THESE BARGAINS IN CLOTHING:

Boys' coat well made, now 60 cents.
Boys' suits, well finished, sizes 4 to 14, for 85 cents.
Youth's suits, coat, vest and pants, elegantly made, a good fit, a strong Woolen Cheviot $1.55.
Youth's pants, all wool, tailor made, 60 cents.
Men's solid black woolen pants, all sizes, a tremendous line at cost now, 75 cents.
Men's all wool, dark brown suits, good finished, this can not be duplicated, at $2.75.
Men's suits, good made, fit nicely, especially for the price, now sold at $1.75.
Solid Black Worsted Suits at $3.75.

Quality, Quantity and Prices each defy competition. Others may deal out disjointed chat about their goods, but the open honor truth can not be capped or handicapped. The truth about our prices is that, they are so crushed that they can not rise again.

We expect you, part your continued patronage. Just as long as you find that we give you more and treat you better than any other dealer.

Accept our friendly invitation and come by the well beaten path that leads to our store. Courteous welcome, amiable clerks, friendly treatment, finest merchandise and Lowest Prices.

COME.

S. STARK, Shelby, Alabama.

Redlawn News.

Hea'th good with few exceptions.

W. N. Miner has got a fine lot of Christmas goods. Call and see them.

Thomas Miner, of near Pelham, visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Lola Strickland is spending the week with Miss Louella Lyon.

J. Baggit was at Redlawn Sunday.

J. W. Spearman was the guest of Miss Eva Farr Sunday.

W. A. Walton passed through Redlawn Sunday on his way to Mr. Hadaways, we suppose.

The social at J. M. Lyon's, given by E. B. Teague last Thursday night, was greatly enjoyed by the young people.

E B. Lyon was the guest of Miss Willie Hill Sunday evening.

W. J. Miner attended service at Little Hope Sunday.

C. W. Spearman keeps the road hot going to Harpersville. We wish him success.

E. Perry was married to Miss Zular Richard Wednesday night, and also Cary Farr to Miss Mattie Harkins. Both of the young ladies lived in the Kingdom.

J. N. Lyon still comes to Redlawn.

Miss Alma Farr was the guest of Miss Oma Miner Sunday.

W. N. Miner went to Columbiana Saturday on business.

Now boys Christmas holidays are here, and be careful how you conduct yourselves.

NED.

Bankrupt Stock of Shoes

To be sold at manufacturers prices for the cash. These shoes include men, women and boys sizes only. Don't miss these bargains, come at once and get a pair.
J. H. Hammond.

Wanted.

Four hundred dollars state script. Apply at this office.

A man doesn't necessarily have to wait until he is 40 to become a fool or a physician.

Epsom Salts 8 cts per lb, at Columbiana Drug Co.

Weldon.

J. W. Hester, of Columbiana, spent Sunday night with his mother, Mrs. N. S. Hester.

L. C. Moore, of Sterrett, was in our town Sunday.

J. M. Spearman went to Birmingham on business last week.

J. T. Bozeman and Will Spearman went to Birmingham last week.

D. W. Sharbutt went to Sterrett Thursday on business.

Tartin Eubanks was married to Miss Minnie Thrasher last week. We wish the happy couple much joy and happiness.

The entertainment at Miss Lottie Nelson's Wednesday night was enjoyed by all who attended.

J. A. Cowart and family have moved to Coosa Valley.

M. L. Sharbutt spent Sunday evening with Berry Spearman.

Miss Sarah Lybrand is visiting relatives and friends in Wilsonville this week.

Miss Luna Sharbutt was the guest of Miss Mattie Hester Sunday.

I think there will be a wedding soon. How about it Miss M?

I wish you all all a merry Xmas.

WILD BILL.

Items from Union.

People are getting ready for Christmas.

Married at the residence of Mrs. Sullivan last Sunday, Mr. Tartin Eubanks to Miss Minnie Trasher, B. C. Hughes officiating.

Miss Mattie Henderson, of Yellow Leaf, was in our community a few days last week.

Ben White, of Coosa county, has moved to Weldon.

Mr. White and wife, of Weldon, spent Saturday night and Sunday with B. C. Hughes and family.

Walter and George Wheeler were in our town this week. Come again boys.

J. W. Moore, of Sterrett, passed through our town Monday on his way to Texas.

J. T. Bozeman and family will leave for Montgomery this week, their future home.

Andrew Jackson, of Liberty, has moved to Weldon.

Joe Mattox will move to Mrs. Nancy Hester's place this week.

BUFFALO BILL.

Spring Creek.

Health very good.

Crops are gathered.

Wheat sowing yet in progress.

Lige Pinson has moved to Shelby.

Shelby is well supplied with literary schools, three white and one colored.

J. W. Carden has moved to Shelby to accept a job on the section under Mr. Burton.

Mr. Witherby, cashier and assistant secretary of the Shelby Iron Works, went a few days ago to Boston, Mass., to have an operation performed, and on yesterday Mrs. Witherby was telegraphed for. We fear that he is critically ill.

Ward Busby has moved to Shelby, and also W. H. Crafford.

J. Davis was summoned as a witness in United States court at Montgomery a few days ago.

Some of our neighbors sold cotton in Sylacauga last week at 5-25.

The call for a constitutional convention to disfranchise the poor illiterate white and black man, and a bill now pending to legalize a whipping post means something larger than mere specks before our eyes

A merry Christmas to all the correspondents and readers of The Advocate.

PEARK.

Locust Creek.

Our cowboys went to the Magic City last week.

Say Mr. Gates, the next time you go to the Madison hotel please do not take the table napkin off with you.

Will Fleming, of Creswell, was in our community Saturday and Sunday.

W. E. Kirkland went to Childersburg last week on business.

Last Tuesday morning about 10 o'clock fire was discovered on the roof of the Harpersville school house, and by the heroic efforts, but very little damage was done.

Christmas will soon be here, and when it is over let every correspondent in the county give a good local and make The Advocate the leader of Shelby for general news next year, and hope it will visit every home in Shelby new year.

W. A. Wheat went to Wilsonville Wednesday on business.

We wish you all a merry Christmas.

NORMAN.

The Alabama Fertilizer

Is said, by over 12,000 farmers in this State, to be the best all around fertilizer for cotton and corn.

It is the oldest brand now sold in Alabama, and is just the same as it always has been. Every one of the 48 premiums given during a series of years through the Commercial and Industrial Association for the greatest yield of cotton and corn on a specified area of land, was awarded to farmers who used exclusively the ALABAMA FERTILIZER. The only objection ever raised to the ALABAMA FERTILIZER was that it costs too much.

The present price is no more than that of standard fertilizers. When requested, the ALABAMA FERTILIZER will be put up, without extra cost, in bags treated by the MUMMIA VEGETABLE FIBRE PRESERVING PROCESS, thereby insuring the perfect preservation of the bags for an indefinite time, and saving the contents from loss by waste in transit and handling. These preserved bags when emptied and thoroughly washed will be found as good and strong as new, and equally useful for other purposes. Every person, farmer, mercant or dealer vitally interested in the economical production of good crops should advocate the use of ALABAMA FERTILIZER.

The Alabama Fertilizer Co.
Montgomery, Ala.

We Employ Young Men to distribute our advertisements in part payment for a high grade Acme bicycle, which we send them on approval. If work done until the bicycle arrives and proves satisfactory.

Young Ladies employed on the same terms.

If boys or girls apply they must be well recommended. Write for particulars.

ACME CYCLE COMPANY,
ELKHART, IND.

Good Digestion

Waits on appetite, or it should do so, but this can be only when the stomach is in a healthy condition. Hood's Sarsaparilla so tones and strengthens the stomach that it digests food easily and naturally and then all dyspeptic troubles vanish.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is America's Greatest Medicine. Price $1.

Hood's Pills cure Liver Ills. 25 cents.

CREEDS IN THE NEW ISLANDS.

One of the consequences of the victory of the United States over Spain, and one which is looked upon in many quarters as the most important, is the dawn of religious freedom in countries where that blessing was unknown in the days of Spain's power. In Cuba, Porto Rico and in the Philippine islands the Roman Catholic church has been the only one recognized by the several governments. Although a few Protestant missions have been started, they could not flourish, and to be a citizen it was necessary to be a contributor to the Romish church. Church societies of many kinds flourished and were supported by the communities.

In the Philippines there are about 525,000 pagans among the native islanders, according to a compilation made by Benjamin C. Sheldon, but all the rest of the native population, excepting 300,000 Mahometans, are Roman Catholics. The "non-natives," consisting of Spanish, Spanish-Mestizos, Chinese, Chinese-Mestizos and other nationalities, are Roman Catholics and Buddhists. The secular clergy in 1896 included 967,204 souls, and besides these there were 213,065 Jesuits and 699,851 Dominicans.

In Hawaii, where the Ten Commandments were adopted as laws in 1825, missions of the various Christian churches have flourished for many years.

The Americans who are interested in mission work believe that nearly all the religious denominations which now exist in the United States will soon be represented in the newly acquired islands, and that where there are now only Roman Catholics, Pagans, Mahometans and Buddhists, the list may grow to include all Christian denominations. In the United States, where the utmost freedom regarding religious belief prevails, the last census shows the following membership of the various religious bodies:

Roman Catholic, 6,257,871; Methodist, 4,589,284; Baptists, 3,762,729; Presbyterian, 1,278,332; Lutheran, 1,231,072; Christian, 744,773; Protestant Episcopal, 540,509; Congregational, 512,771; Reformed, 309,458; Mormon, 250,000; United Brethren, 725,158; German Evangelical, 187,432; Latter-Day Saints, 166,125; Evangelical Association, 133,313; Jews, 320,000; Friends, 107,208; Dunkards, 73,795; Unitarian, 67,749; Adventist, 60,491; Universalist, 49,194; Mennonite, 41, 541.—New York Tribune.

Philadelphia is agitating for a 30-foot channel out to the sea.

RELIEF FROM PAIN.

Women Everywhere Express their Gratitude to Mrs. Pinkham.

Mrs. T. A. WALDEN, Gibson, Ga., writes:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—Before taking your medicine, life was a burden to me. I never saw a well day. At my monthly period I suffered untold misery, and a great deal of the time I was troubled with a severe pain in my side. Before finishing the first bottle of your Vegetable Compound I could tell it was doing me good. I continued its use, also used the Liver Pills and Sanative Wash, and have been greatly helped. I would like to have you use my letter for the benefit of others."

Mrs. FLORENCE A. WOLFE, 515 Mulberry St., Lancaster, Ohio, writes:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—For two years I was troubled with what the local physicians told me was inflammation of the womb. Every month I suffered terribly. I had taken enough medicine from the doctors to cure anyone, but obtained relief for a short time only. At last I concluded to write to you in regard to my case, and can say that by following your advice I am now pefectly well."

Mrs. W. R. BATES, Mansfield, La., writes:

"Before writing to you I suffered dreadfully from painful menstruation, leucorrhœa and sore feeling in the lower part of the bowels. Now my friends want to know what makes me look so well. I do not hesitate one minute in telling them what has brought about this great change. I cannot praise Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound enough. It is the greatest remedy of the age."

EVERY SUCCESSFUL farmer who raises fruits, vegetables, berries or grain, knows by experience the importance of having a large percentage of

Potash

in his fertilizers. If the fertilizer is too low in Potash the harvest is sure to be small, and of inferior quality.

Our books tell about the proper fertilizers for all crops, and we will gladly send them *free* to any farmer.

GERMAN KALI WORKS,
93 Nassau St., New York.

PROFITABLE EMPLOYMENT can be secured as agents for popular magazine, securing subscriptions. Position permanent. Good wages to ladies of fact and business qualifications. Send for letter of information. STODDARD, 550 Pearl St., New York City

PISO'S CURE FOR CURES WHERE ALL ELSE FAILS. Best Cough Syrup. Tastes Good. Use in time. Sold by druggists. CONSUMPTION

CZAR'S DISARMAMENT PLAN

Success of the Movement Depends Upon Action of America.

PEOPLE CAN PREVENT FATAL CATASTROPHE

The Well Meant Endeavor Will Fail Unless the People Who Detest Militarism Act With Those Who Groan Under Its Burden.

William T. Stead, writing to the Associated Press, says:

"I have seen the czar. I have heard from his own lips the earnest desire of his heart that something practical should be done, and that quickly, to enlist in the services of humanity the millions now devoted to preparations for war. He has taken the initiative in summoning the conference. He is prepared to give earnest evidence of his sincerity by arresting the future increases of the Russian armaments. But, unless he is supported by the peoples who detest the militarism as well as by those who groan under its burdens, his well meant endeavor will fail.

"The people can, if they will, prevent so fatal a catastrophe. As the greatest and latest world's powers they can, if they choose, save this supreme opportunity of the century from being sacrificed by the skeptical apathy of the other governments. But to do this it will be necessary to act, and to act at once.

"What is hoped those friends of peace and enemies of militarism who turn their eager eyes to the great republic of the new world is that between now and the end of January the citizens of the United States will by public demonstrations, formal resolutions and by every other action whereby a democratic people gives expression to its convictions and its aspirations have manifested to the world their determination to help the czar to put this thing through."

THE PRESIDENT IN SAVANNAH.

Ten Thousand Troops Reviewed by President McKinley and His Cabinet.

The reception of President McKinley and the members of his cabinet by the people of Savannah Saturday more than equalled in hospitality and completeness of arrangement any previous experiences which have marked the presidential trip through the south. The party arrived from Montgomery at 11 a. m., reviewed 10,000 troops stationed around Savannah, went down the Savannah river and was entertained in the evening at a grand banquet given by the chamber of commerce and association of citizens. The enthusiasm of the Savannah people and of the 15,000 persons who it is estimated had come into the city from the surrounding country to greet the president was fully equal to the remarkable demonstrations which have distinguished the trip to other cities.

BRYAN REITERATES OPPOSITION

To Expansion and Says Silver Will Be the Main Issue in 1900.

The New York World says: William J. Bryan is in town. He was found last night (Saturday) at the Bartholdi hotel. Colonel Bryan declared himself an uncompromising opponent of the McKinley policy of expansion. He said: "It is too early at this time to discuss party policies for the presidential election of 1900, but I think the issues then will be free silver, anti-expansion, anti-imperialism and the rights of labor. I have already expressed myself against imperialism and territorial expansion. Do I think free silver will be an issue in 1900? Certainly it will be the main question. How about the labor problem? I am not prepared to answer that question."

Found Ceasar Turned to Clay.

Excavation around the base of a column discovered in the Roman forum last week, marking the spot where the body of Julius Caesar was cremated, has resulted in a new discovery. Saturday a heap of ashes, carefully covered over with bricks, was unearthed. The ashes are considered to be without doubt the remains of the funeral pyre to mark which the column was reared.

THE PEACE TREATY

Will Be Submitted to the Senate During the Present Session.

The president will submit the peace treaty to the senate during the present session; that much has been definitely determined upon. The text is still lacking in Washington, and as the commissioners have not thought proper to entrust the document to the mails, it will not reach Washington before next Saturday. Although desirous of placing it before the senate at the earliest opportunity, the president will not be able to do so for a week after its receipt for the reason that congress will then be in holiday recess. Meanwhile, the treaty will not be given to the public.

Calvin S. Brice Dead.

Former United States Senator Calvin S. Brice died last Thursday at his residence in New York of pneumonia. He contracted a severe cold a week ago. On Friday he took to his bed and on Monday morning his physician said that pneumonia had developed. Everything known to medical science was done for him, but he grew steadily worse. Mr. Brice was delirious for twenty-four hours before his death. Mr. Brice served six years in the senate from Ohio, being succeeded by J. B. Foraker.

Peace Commissioners Have Sailed.

To the interviewers who besieged the American peace commissioners at Southampton, England, before they sailed for New York en board the American line steamer St. Louis, the commissioners said they could not discuss the terms of the treaty of peace with Spain. Judge Day said the treaty of peace would probably be delivered to President McKinley on December 24.

SLAVES IN ANCIENT GREECE.

Alexander Sold All the Inhabitants of Thebes into Slavery.

In the second installment of Prof. Benjamin Ide Wheeler's "Life of Alexander the Great," in the Century, Professor Wheeler writes of Alexander's efforts in subduing the rebellion that followed the assassination of Philip. Professor Wheeler says:

At last, after much long suffering, the strong hand of the Macedonian power, contrary to all its purposes and policy, had laid itself with violence upon one of the great Greek cities. Once and again it had forgiven, but Thebes had transgressed the bounds of endurance and could expect no mercy. She obtained none. The city was razed to the ground, only the house of Pindar being spared; the territory was distributed among the allies, and the inhabitants who survived, some thirty thousand in number, excepting only the priest and the priestess, the descendants of Pindar, and the guests, friends of Philip and Alexander, were sold into slavery, making a slave market so vast that, as we hear, the standard price of slaves in the market of the Aegean was seriously depressed in consequence.

The ordinary price for a slave was from twenty to thirty-five dollars. Abundant supply kept the price low. Society was built on slavery. Slaves, or, as in Sparta and Crete, serfs attached to the soil, were the farm laborers; in manufactories they took the place of machinery; they were a form of investment, being often rented out in gangs, as for work in the mines; large numbers were used, too, for domestic service, seven being an average number for an ordinary house. Corinth is said to have had 460,000 slaves. Aagina 470,000, and a census of the year 309 B. C. showed 400,000 in Attica. These figures have sometimes been doubted, but other known facts go to confirm them. Most of the slaves apparently came from outside Greece, as from Lydia, Syria, Bithynia, Thrace, and Illyria, but there were also among them Italians, Egyptians, and Jews. The supply from outside was maintained by the slave-traders, who obtained them either in barter or by robbery along the coasts of Aegean and the Euxine. The slave-market was a feature of every city agora, and especially of the temple fairs. Captives in war were, like the rest of the booty, treated as merchandise. They were disposed of chiefly by professional traders and sold mostly abroad. Thus men of culture and education often appeared in the condition of slaves. Employed as teachers, readers, secretaries, musicians, they often served the purpose of spreading the knowledge of art, manners, and life among other peoples, and aided in mixing the soils and forwarding the interests of cosmopolitanism.

The French Cyclist's Costume.

French roads are broad, long, white and glaring—the sun of France is hot—yet every man attires himself by preference in a black jersey. This may be done from motives of economy, but the result is that, while the British cyclist varies from dusty to grubby, his French rival never fails in grubbiness and often attains to positive dirtiness. The knickerbockers worn are calculated to enhance this impression. They bag shapelessly down to the middle of the calf. In the stockings the irrepressible passion for tartans, which affects all French people, breaks out in checks of the most startling pattern. Occasionally a recrudescence of the same exhibits itself on the back of the jersey.

A further note of color is sometimes introduced by a large, loose garter, worn like an African's anklet a little way above the top of the boot. The headgear varies, but that most affected is a large beret, worn hanging over one ear, which makes the whole appearance recall vividly M. Rostand's "Cadets de Gascogne." As the cyclists slouch in toward the tables in troops one is irresistibly reminded of Cyrano's disorderly companions. There is, however, no rash daring, no gasconade about your Gallic rider. Few machines in France have brakes, which at first sight gives one a high opinion of their riders' temerity; but after some days I began to notice that a Frenchman on a hill was always walking—whether down or up.—Pall Mall Gazette.

The Empire of Barotse.

There now remains only one people and one little valley south of the equator whose sovereignty has not been claimed by some European power. It is the Valley of Barotse, fifty or sixty miles wide, north of Lialui, in South Africa. And the only reason why the Morotse, who inhabit it, have preserved their independence is that England and Portugal both claim it, and therefore the work of "civilization" is at a standstill.

It may not be so easy to conquer the Marotse when the time comes, for they are a tall, well-set-up race, very black in skin. In manners they are courteous and in bearing dignified. Every full-blooded Marotse is by birthright a chief, and takes his place in the aristocracy of the empire. The bare fact that he is a Marotse insures the respect of the subservient tribes, and as he grows to manhood a sense of superiority usually implants in the native the dignity of self-respect.

Bismarck's Grievances.

It appears that Bismarck died with more than one great grievance. Perhaps the greatest was that he did not demand 10,000,000,000 francs indemnity from France instead of 5,000,000,000. One who knew him says: "He thought 5,000,000,000 francs would bleed poor France to death, and when they were so promptly paid he metaphorically kicked himself all over Europe. He felt that he had been outwitted, and the feeling made him exceedingly sensitive on the subject."—New York Press.

At three of the large London railway stations—Charing Cross, Cannon Street, and London Bridge—more than 33,000 movements for signal and point levers have to be made every twenty-four hours, quite apart from the telegraphic operations.

THE KHALIFA.

The Life and Characteristics of the Fugitive Dervish Chief.

Abdullah et Taishi Khalifa, whose power has been broken by the British forces under General Sir Herbert Kitchener, was the most powerful and successful of the three Khalifas of the three leading Arab tribes, that in 1882 helped the Mahdi to overthrow the government of Egypt in the eastern Soudan and establish the Mahdist despotism in its place. Each of these Khalifas commanded a distinct section of the Mahdi's army, and Abdullah's force had most to do with the annihilation of General Hicks and his army. Abdullah was the favorite of his master. The Mahdi believed that if he died Abdullah was the only man who could maintain the strange empire he had raised and keep the upper hand of the rapacious Soudanese tribes. Before his death the Mahdi nominated the Khalifa Abdullah as his successor, and thus the cruel and tyrannical Arab tribe of the Bagaras, whose leader was Abdullah, became the masters of the Egyptian Soudan and ruled it with a rod of iron. The Mahdi died on June 22, 1885, after three years of power, and Abdullah has since been known as "the Mahdi's successor." There was intense jealousy and disappointment on the part of the Danagla and Jaalin tribes, who had been the rulers, but now became the ruled. Civil war on account of Abdullah's accession was narrowly averted, but he was too strong for his enemies in the other tribes, and they finally chose the part of discretion just when all had been made ready for battle. The new ruler then made it his business to render the other tribes harmless. He reduced the power of the two other Khalifas, and they became men of little influence. He sent many of the Jaalin and Danagla Emirs in chains hundreds of miles up the Nile, and he permitted his Baggara to plunder the other tribes without mercy, under the pretext of levying taxes. There has been only one ruler of the Soudan for the past thirteen years, and he has been the Khalifa Abdullah. He maintained his policy of cruelly repressing all the people except his own tribe, until he was frightened very badly by the news that England and Egypt were getting ready to invade the country and overthrow his power. After that news reached Omdurman he made a great show of reversing his policy. He pardoned the imprisoned Emirs and tried in many ways to win back the disaffected people. The Khalifa's empire, within which not a particle of European influence has permeated since the Mahdi captured Khartoum, extends along the Nile from Dongola on the north to the neighborhood of Lado on the south, a distance of about thirteen hundred miles. Omdurman, the capital, just across the Nile from the ruins of Khartoum, is about midway between these points. The Khalifa lost Darfur, but still his empire extends from the western limits of Kordofan to Abyssinia on the east, and embraces about 700,000 square miles. During the thirteen years he has controlled the destinies of the Egyptian Soudan it is estimated that nearly three-fifths of its inhabitants have perished through war and famine. Constant warfare has greatly diminished the male population.

KEENE TURNED THE TABLES.

Several Wall street men, Mr. James R. Keene among them, combined some time ago to get control of the stock of the tobacco trust.

Their understanding was that none of them was to sell any of the stock until it had reached its highest possible figure, and then all were to sell at the same time.

Ten days ago Keene discovered that this agreement was not being lived up to by some of his colleagues. They were beginning to sell on the quiet, it is said, as soon as the stock reached

JAS. R. KEENE.

154¾. As soon as Mr. Keene discovered this he gave orders for the sale of his own holdings and before the other members of the clique were aware of what was happening Keene had made $1,500,000.

By that time the tobacco trust's stock was down to 115½, having declined 39¼ points.

Useful New Hats.

Most of the girls look very neat in those new style campaign hats. They ought to be a popular theater hat. They are the kind that can be taken off without mussing the hair. Rain won't spoil them and later the felt, if washed, will become useful to filter water through.

Hebrews Have No Rights in Spain.

In Spain Hebrews are not permitted to erect and maintain houses of worship. They have no civil rights and exist in the kingdom only as aliens.

Ernest Van Dyck, the grand opera singer, began life as a newspaper man.

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INTERESTING ITEMS.

The farmers of Morrow county, Oregon, whose wheat ripened late, were forced to the use of flails, as the threshers refused to handle it because the late wheat is so tough it breaks the machines.

Every member of the old Portland, Ore., law firm, Mitchell, Dolph & Simons, has been elected to the United States senate. Mr. Mitchell is retired, Mr. Dolph is dead, and Mr. Simons was elected last month.

A unique will, just published in Washington, Pa., is that of Jerome Plummer. His entire estate, valued at $75,000, after the death of his wife, is to be sold and the income used exclusively for the cause of temperance in Washington county.

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A Boston fruit company is making an effort to revive the decayed banana industry of Cuba. It has just purchased a large quantity of the trees in Jamaica, which will be planted in the "new possessions."

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Lord Ilchester has 11,000 swans upon his estate at Abbotsburg, a charming little village a few miles from Weymouth, England. The cost of caring for the swans averages over £2,000 per year.

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A young Frenchman named Constantin is now being exhibited in Paris. He is just eight feet tall and is well proportioned, though his knees are rather weak. The giant is but 19 years old.

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President Faure doffed his clothes, "spats" and all, the other day, dressed himself in miners' rig and visited the coal mines at Lens. The miners gave him an enthusiastic reception.

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Senator Platt, of New York, has an enormous stock of good conundrums, which he apparently originates himself, as they all seem to be new. The senator is a natural born joker.

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Mrs. Victoria Blanchard, fifty-six years old, of Holyoke, Mass., is the youngest living daughter of a revolutionary soldier.

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I can recommend Piso's Cure for Consumption to sufferers from Asthma.—E. D. TOWNSEND, Ft. Howard, Wis., May 4, 1894.

John D. Rockefeller, despite his millions, carries a plain, cheap silver watch, given him when he was a boy.

Buy the Rat.

A friend of the late Secretary Bayard writes: I was much amused at Mr. Bayard's recital of an incident some years before in which he and William R. Travers were actors. He said the rats had become such a nuisance in his house at Wilmington and were so aggressive that he went to New York in search of a terrier, and applied to Travers for information as to where he could find an establishment provided with such animals. Travers took him to a rat pit, whose proprietor was a celebrated sporting character, and Bayard stated the purpose of his visit, and that he must see the dog tried before he would purchase him. The man brought out a beautiful little terrier, and after putting him in the pit, pitched a fierce, gray-whiskered rat into the arena also. The adversaries confronted each other for an instant like two gladiators in ancient Rome, when suddenly the dog took to flight, pursued by the rat. "Buy the rat, Tom," shouted Travers; "buy the rat!"

The Sawfish.

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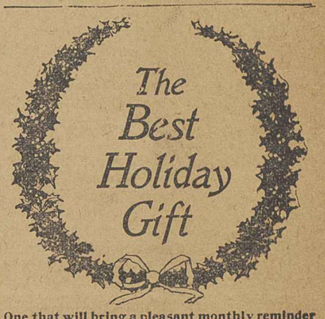

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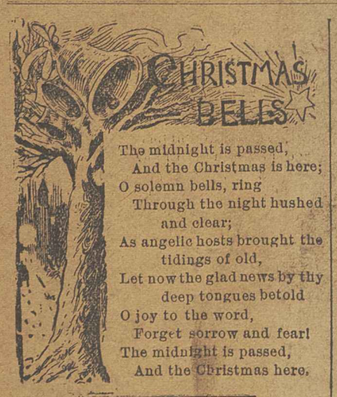


The midnight is passed,
And the Christmas is here;
O solemn bells, ring
Through the night hushed and clear;
As angelic hosts brought the tidings of old,
Let now the glad news by thy deep tongues betold
O joy to the word,
Forget sorrow and fear!
The midnight is passed,
And the Christmas here.

JACK'S CHRISTMAS FAIRIES.

By Edith Sessions Tupper.

Up to his ears in mischief all the time was Jack; yet he was the dearest, roundest, rosiest little lad imaginable. He was a picture of happy boyhood that afternoon, three days before Christmas, when, in his smart coat, trimmed in the most delightful military fashion with bands of Persian lamb and black frogs, and his jaunty cap set on his fair hair, and his fat hands protected by fur-trimmed gloves, he went into the park with his sled for a romp. He ran and shouted and pranced until his eyes glowed like stars and his cheeks shone like apples, and everybody who saw him said: "What a handsome boy!"

Jack, of course, was looking forward to Christmas, just as every boy and girl who reads this is looking forward to that day of all days. He expected to have all sorts of fine things in his stocking, and with very good reason, for Santa Claus had never neglected him. Jack's father was rich. Grandmamma, who was richer, was coming to spend the holidays, and Santa Claus had been telephoned on the subject of skates, drums, games, swords, guns and sweetmeats, and there was every prospect that when he called at Jack's home his sleigh would be very full indeed.

Jack was like all boys who have no brothers or sisters, a trifle selfish. But he was a manly, kind-hearted little chap for all that, and so, when he was through with his play and was dragging his sled homeward and came upon a scene on a street-corner which roused his sympathy he paused to find out what it meant.

A crowd of rough boys were tormenting a poorly-clad little girl, whose wan, haggard face spoke too plainly of misery and poverty. She was frightened and almost crying as Jack came up.

"Here, now!" said Jack, with sturdy determination, "you stop that or I'll call a p'liceman."

Fortunately at that moment a blue-coated officer came in sight, and the hoodlums fled with one wild departing yell.

"Thank you," said the little girl, timidly, "those boys allus are pickin' on me."

"What is your name?" said Jack.

"Susie Greene."

"Well, Susie," said Jack, with an air of business, "you look cold and sick."

"I an't very strong"——

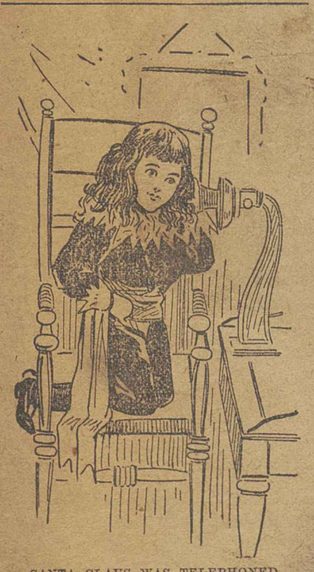
"And hungry," continued Jack.

Susie burst into tears.

That was enough for Jack.

"Get right on my sled," said he, determinedly, "and I'll take you down to my house and you'll have something to eat."

Susie obeyed, and the officer saw with grim pleasure the young heir to



SANTA CLAUS WAS TELEPHONED.

Mr. Newton's millions dragging off the little waif to his home, a block away.

"He do be a foine chap, he do be," remarked Policeman Mulvaney.

Jack took Susie into the kitchen and gave orders she should be fed forthwith. Then he hurried up to his mother's room. She was there with his grandmother, and in a few words he told them about the little girl he had rescued.

"She's poor and hungry, and she's got no decent clothes. Mamma, can't you fixed her up?"

His mother looked at him a moment, then asked, quietly: "Jack, would you rather have this little girl made comfortable or have a big Christmas yourself?"

Jack hesitated. He thought of all those presents he was expecting; then he thought of Susie thin dress and bursting shoes.

"You can take the money you were going to spend on my Christmas and fix her up," he bravely said. Then his grandmamma, a stately old lady, in black satin and white lace cap, called him to her and kissed him, with tears in her eyes.

Jack sat bolt upright in bed and rubbed his eyes very hard. No, he was not asleep. There was the open fire, there his clothes on the chair, there the door into his mother's room.

It was Christmas Eve. Jack had not hung up his stocking, for he did not expect any presents. Susie had been warmly clothed and her wretched home had been brightened by the visit of Jack and his mother. The boy was satisfied. He had made his choice and expected to abide by it.

But, marvellous to relate, as he looked towards the fire, he saw a crowd of tiny people hurrying and fussing about on the fur rug before the fire. Three or four had a miniature ladder which they were putting up against the side of the fireplace. Several others had hold of one of Jack's long stockings. When the ladder was in place, a little man, with elfish eyes and spider-like legs, climbed the ladder, dragging Jack's stocking after him, and hung it on a

HE STOPPED TO COMFORT HER.

hook and then, coming down, put his hands on his hips and surveyed his work with great satisfaction.

"That's what I call a good job," he said. "Now hurry up, you folk, and get your presents in there before St. Nicholas gets along."

Then fairy after fairy climbed the ladder and put in his presents. There was a fat brownie, who brought a basket of nuts from the woods.

"I have worked all day," he said, "looking under hedges and dead leaves to gather these nuts for the boy who was kind to Susie."

A quaint little fairy in a curious foreign gown and cap approached, "I have come clear from the borders of the Black Forest in Germany," she said, "to bring this music-box for the boy who was not ashamed to look after a poor little girl."

There was quite a stir as a remarkable fairy approached. He was copper-tinted and had a feather stuck in his black hair, and he bore on his shoulder a beautiful bow and arrow.

"From the lands of the setting sun I have come," said he. "I am a Puckwudje, an Indian fairy, but I wanted to bring an offering to the young paleface who has a good heart."

A merry little man in green climbed the ladder, hauling up a beautiful toy sword which he had brought from England for Jack. Then there followed one of the "good people" of Ireland with a drum which he had brought from the Emerald Isle. "Shure, it's hurryin' I must be after doin'," he cried, "to be back before daybreak."

In the midst of all this excitement there came a pawing of tiny hoofs overhead and a jingling of bells, and a voice down the chimney cried, "Whoa!" very loudly.

At this every fairy vanished abruptly. But the stocking was left hanging there, and presently, with a scramble and rush, down the chimney came the good Saint himself. Jack knew him directly from his pictures. He examined the stocking attentively.

"So they've been here ahead of me!" he observed. "That's a great idea! I never was left before. Well, no matter! There are a few things they've forgotten. Here are the skates, the games, the box of caramels, the books," and as he talked he piled the packages up on a table near the fireplace.

Jack's eyes were so heavy he couldn't hold them open. He shut them for an instant, and when he opened them again it was Christmas morning.

He sprang from his bed and rushed to the fireplace. Yes, there hung his stocking full and running over, and

JACK RUBBED HIS EYES.

the table near by was loaded with gifts.

And, if you were to argue forever, you could never make Jack believe that there is no Santa Claus or such things as fairies.

"I know better," he says, with a decided shake of his curly head. "I know better, for I've seen them."

Christmas Fun.

Those mothers who wish their children's Christmas fun to be fun pure and simple, eschewing fashionable dances and other unsuitable diversions, will find the following suggestions useful:

A tissue-paper candy bag, hung from the chandelier, to be struck with a light rod or switch by each child, blindfolded, in turn, till the lucky one breaks the bag and the candies may be scrambled for, is sure to cause jollity and laughter. This is an old game, but a never-failing one. Forty years ago it was described and pictured in juvenile books, yet, once good, always good, is a true proverb.

Another mirth-provoking device is a sawdust pie. Cover an ordinary washtub with bright paper, having a frill around the edge. Put in a layer of sawdust, then some trifling gifts, another layer of sawdust, and so on. Smooth the top into a shallow cone shape, to resemble a pie, lay over it a brown paper cover, with darker spots here and there, to imitate the scorching of the crust, and fasten some little ornament at the apex, which will lift the cover off as by a handle. Have a sheet spread underneath, provide the children with wooden spoons, and let them dig for "plums."

Of course the amusements indicated are for the youngest members of the flock. Older children may enjoy getting up a Brownie party, a Japanese party, etc., in appropriate costumes. Or they will greatly enter into the spirit of making a number of poorer children happy, by packing a large basket or hamper with attractive little parcels, which they have prepared themselves, then passing them to the shabby little guests. The finest spirits are those who do not lose sight of the fact that Christmas is a time for making others happy, not a season for getting all one can and keeping all one gets.

After Christmas.

Mrs. Buffer—"That's a nice shoe-bag of yours. I had a present of one like it——"

Mrs. Muffer—"Shoe-bag? That's a photograph case. Mrs. Greely, who gave it to me, told me so."

Mrs. Buffer—"Horrors! And I thanked Mrs. Greely for a shoe-bag! I've a mantel drapery like yours, too."

Mrs. Muffer—"Is that a mantel drapery?"

Mrs. Buffer—"Certainly; Mrs. Spriggs, who gave me mine, told me so."

Mrs. Muffer—"And I thanked Mrs. Spriggs for some petticoat trimming!"

Both (in tears)—"Well, home-made presents ought always to be labeled, anyhow!"

Below Zero (and the Belt).

Ten Broke (after the refusal)—"How cold it is to-night. My hands are chilled."

Gwendolen—"Well, I have made you a Christmas present of the mitten. That ought to keep them warm."—The Yellow Book.

HOW SANTA CLAUS GOES AROUND THE WORLD IN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS.

If I Were Santa Claus.

If I were only Santa Claus,
And Santa Claus was me,
I'd show to him just what a good
Old Santa Claus I'd be.
I'd always bring the kind of toys
And story books for him;
I'd find his stocking ev'ry year,
And fill it to the brim.
This year I'd bring a book or so
On how we conquered Spain,
Or how a boy pursued his foe
Across the Klondike plain.
And boxing gloves—and, say, I guess
A pistol would be great
To Klondike with. And then—oh, yes
A wheel for ninety-eight.
I'd bring a leather suit and hat—
The kind that cowboys wear.
Of bowie knives and things like that
He'd have a lot to spare.
I'd fill his stocking then with all
The candy it would hold,
And where the packages were small
I'd fill in round with gold.
And when they saw how good I was,
How happy folks would be
If I were only Santa Claus
And Santa Claus was me.

Her Christmas Stockings.

"She was the prettiest and brightest girl we had at our house party that winter," related the smiling old lady who loves to dwell upon the holiday festivities when she was a girl. "She was a great favorite with the men because of her dashing ways and the air of good comradeship that she always carried about with her. Yet we could never see that any one of her suitors was favored above another, and often wondered if she would fill the appointed destiny of woman.

"In the party was Harper Allison. We always called him Harpy. He was big, athletic, good-natured and good to look at, but we never thought of him as a brilliant man. It was as plain as could be that he was in love with her, and men of his type are so persistent. They lay siege, and, no matter what may come, they continue the siege.

"I know that he proposed to her a score of times, but he was always put off with the laughing assurance that she was not to be won by any of the stereotyped methods, and that if he ever did find a lodging place in her heart he would see a sign.

"Christmas Eve we all hung up our stockings outside our doors, just as a lark, you know. In the morning we all had presents to show but Harpy. He pretended to be disconsolate beyond consolation. He had put out a great long pair of woolen stockings, knit in black yarn and tipped in red by a fussy old aunt in Maine, who always feared that Harpy never dressed warmly enough. He had not only been slighted by Santa Claus, but the stockings themselves were gone.

"After dinner there was a sleigh ride of the old-fashioned kind. As she raised her dress to clamber into the big sled, we all saw that over her dainty shoes she wore heavy woolen stockings, and the toes were red. 'Now I know what I got,' shouted Harpy, and before us all he tossed her into the air, caught her as she came down and kissed her indefinitely."

Yule-Log Sparks.

About $120,000,000 is spent on Christmas gifts yearly in this country.

The custom of making gifts is widest spread among the Germans.

Snapdragon, a one-time favorite game at Christmas, is again coming into favor.

Skating over the frozen marshes was a favorite holiday pastime among the Knickerbockers.

The custom of giving the turkey the first place on the bill of fare at Christmas is gradually giving way to the old English plan of providing a huge round of beef.

A pretty conceit for trimming Christmas trees is a paper star with a candle in the center. They are made after the manner of the "pin wheel" and commemorate the appearance of the Star of Bethlehem.

To feed Greater New York on Christmas Day it is estimated that it will take among other things, 1700 head of cattle, 7000 tons of poultry, 1700 barrels of cranberries and three carloads of celery.

The best bag to use for the Christmas pudding is made of thin unbleached muslin. Be sure that it is well scalded before the pudding goes in. Keep a supply of clean, strong, white tape for pudding strings.

When the Heart Grows Warm.

Santa Claus might reconnoiter in an air ship.

It is time now to begin to remember not to spell it "Xmas."

To get the right height and measure of Christmas in the stocking feet is by no means a bad plan.

The young people are not alarmed at that anti-Santa Claus movement. They are preparing to turn the hose on it.

If the weather clerk will send a little snow for Christmas he will not be required to put it in the hanging stockings. It will be appreciated if it is left outside.

Helping Santa.

There is nothing slow about Johnnie.—From Christmas Life.

THE NATION'S PRESIDENT IN ALABAMA

Mr. McKinley Given Enthusiastic Welcome at Montgomery.

HE ADDRESSES THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

References to Gen. Wheeler, His Daughter, and Lieut. Hobson Thrilled the Hearts of Alabamians With Pride—At Tuskegee.

The president and his party were given a magnificent welcome in Montgomery, confederacy's first capital, Friday.

The president's train was escorted from Atlanta to Tuskegee and thence to Montgomery by the state assembly, Governor Johnston, Chief Justice McClellan and a party of ladies. The assembly's train came in ahead of the president's. At the union station the presidential party was met by the governor, committees from the assembly, the mayor and city council and the Commercial and Industrial Association. Mayor Clisby received the president with a well-worded speech at the station. The whole party was then taken in carriages through the leading business and residence streets to the old confederate capitol. The entire route was ablaze with the national colors, while tremendous crowds lined the streets as far as the eye could reach.

Capitol Hill was one mass of humanity when the lines of carriages, escorted by the local military companies, reached it at 3 o'clock. When Governor Johnston escorted President McKinley into the hall there was a tremendous demonstration. Governor Johnston made a brief speech, in which he took occasion to say that Alabama had nothing to take back for what she did in 1861, but that she was back in the union to stay and that she welcomed the president of the reunited country to the historic spot around the assemblage.

The President's Address.

Mr. McKinley replied as follows:

"To the General Assembly and Citizens: The warm-hearted welcome which has been given me by the citizens of Alabama has deeply touched me, and in return for it I cannot find language to express my gratitude and appreciation. To be welcomed here in the city of Montgomery, the first capital of the Confederate States, warmly and enthusiastically welcomed as the president of a common country, has filled and thrilled me with emotion. Once the capital of the confederacy, now the capital of a great and glorious state, one of the indestructible states of an indestructible union.

"The governor says he has nothing to take back. We have nothing to take back for having kept you in the union. We are glad you did not go out and you are glad you stayed in. (Tremendous applause.)

"Alabama, like all the states of the union, north and south, has been loyal to the flag and steadfastly devoted to the American nation and to American honor. There never has been in the history of the United States such a demonstration of patriotism from one end of this country to the other as in the year just passing, and never has American valor been more brilliantly illustrated in the battle line, on shore and on the battleship at sea, than by the soldiers and sailors of the United States.

"Everybody is talking of Mother Hobson, and justly so, but I want to thank Mother Hobson in this presence.

"Everybody is talking about General Wheeler, one of the bravest of the brave, but speak, I want to, of that sweet little daughter that followed him to Santiago (great applause) and ministered to the sick at Montauk Point. (cheers.)

"I have spoken in many places and at many times of the heroism of the American army and the American navy, but in our recent conflict the whole people were patriots. Two hundred thousand people were called for and a million rushed to get a place in the ranks. (Great applause.) And millions more stood ready, if need be. (Prolonged applause.) I like the feeling of the American people that we ought not to have a large standing army, but it has been demonstrated in the last few months that we need a standing army large enough to do all the work required while we are in peace, and only rely on the great body of the people in an emergency to help us fight our battles. (Applause.)

"We love peace; we are not a military nation, but whenever the time of peril comes, the bulwark of this people rests in the patriotism of its citizens, and this nation will be safe for all time, because 75,000,000 of people love it and will give up their lives to sustain and uphold it. (Great applause.)

"I thank you, my fellow citizens, for this generous warmth and wealth of welcome which you have given me today, and I shall go back to my duties at our great capital feeling that we have a united country that acknowledges allegiance to but one authority, and will march forever unitedly under one flag, the glorious old stars and stripes." (Tremendous cheering and applause.)

The audience constantly punctured the president's remarks with the wildest demonstrations of approval, and especially his tributes to Lieut. Hobson's mother, and General Wheeler's daughter.

As soon as he had finished, the Governor started to escort the president away for a reception at his office, but the audience would not have it. They called for General Wheeler, General Shafter, General Lawton, Secretaries Alger and Long and Postmaster-General Smith, who responded with short speeches.

He next went to meet the colored people of the city at Old Ship church, where a great throng received him enthusiastically. He made a short, but forceful speech there.

This ended the ceremonies of the day.

The party was conveyed back to the train, and at 6:30 o'clock, amid the boom of cannon, the president left for Savannah.

At Tuskegee.

The special train bringing the Alabama legislature reached Tuskegee at 6:30 a. m. The procession formed at the Tuskegee depot and marched through the city on their way to the Normal school. The president's carriage was drawn by four beautiful bays. In the carriage with the president were Governor Johnston, of Alabama; Colonel Foster, of Tuskegee, and Booker T. Washington. In the other carriages were Mrs. McKinley and other ladies of the president's party, members of the cabinet and Gens. Wheeler, Shafter and Lawton.

The president and party first reviewed more than 600 boys and 300 girls of the Normal school and 200 children of the training school.

The president then made an address to the Colored Normal school.

PRIVATE COURTMARTIALED.

Henry S. Moore Dishonorably Discharged and Sentenced for Five Years.

The First infantry, at Huntsville, received orders from Washington Saturday to hold itself in readiness for embarkation for Cuba. The regiment has been inspected and recommended for service.

Private Henry S. Morse, company H, sixteenth infantry, was tried and convicted by a courtmartial on the charge of desertion in the face of the enemy. He was dishonorably discharged and sentenced to five years imprisonment at hard labor.

TRAINS WRECKED.

Several Persons Hurt in a Collision Near West Point, Miss.

The west bound passenger train on the Southern railway collided with the Mobile and Ohio freight early Saturday night at the crossing of the two roads, completely demolishing the rear coach and severely injuring a number of passengers.

The injured are: Henry Watson, shoulder broken and injured internally, probably fatal; Miss Minnie Gilson, chest injured; Miss Ida May Lowe, head severely cut, all of West Point; Mr. Baker, a traveling man, badly bruised; W. A. Stallings, manager Postal Telegraph Company, two ribs broken.

RIOT IN HAVANA SUBURBS.

Patriots of Cerro Hoisted American Flag Before Town Was Evacuated.

A riot occurred at Cerro, a suburb of Havana, Saturday night. A number of shots were fired. One man is reported to have been killed and five wounded. The residents of Cerro, supposing that the Spaniards had officially evacuated the suburbs, raised Cuban and American flags over a number of buildings. Crackers were fired and speeches were made on street corners and these led to the riot.

IS GENERAL GOMEZ DEAD?

Conflicting Reports in Circulation Regarding the Cuban Leader.

The report that General Maximo Gomez is dead, which, according to a dispatch from Madrid, was received there from Havana, cannot be confirmed at Havana, though a rumor of his death has been in circulation for several days. In contradiction of the report is another to the effect that General Gomez left his camp at Yaguajay, province of Santa Clara, and with his main forces went into camp in the Sipuanoa mountains. This report has it that General Gomez is in good health.

How Troops Will Be Apportioned.

General Wade, in his recommendation that 50,000 troops be sent to Cuba, asked that they be apportioned as follows:

Guanajay, 1,000 infantry; Meriel, 1,000 infantry; Pinar del Rio, 1,000 infantry; Havana, 22,000 infantry and 2,000 cavalry; Matanzas, 7,000 infantry and 1,000 cavalry; Cardenas, 2,000 infantry; Cienfuegos, 2,000 infantry and 1,000 cavalry; Trinidad, 2,000 infantry; Sagna La Grande, 1,000 infantry; Santa Clara, 1,000 infantry; Placetas, 1,000 infantry; Caibarien and Remedios, 1,000 infantry: Sancti Spiritus, 1,000 infantry; Neuvitas and Puerto Principe, 1,000 infantry and 1,000 cavalry; Manzanillo, 1,000 infantry.

May Yet Rescue the Maine.

The navy department has not yet abandoned the hope of rescuing the Maine from Havana harbor, and bringing the wreck back to this country for rehabilitation, nor does it seem likely, from the interest taken by responsible wrecking experts, that the Cristobal Colon will permitted to pound to pieces on the shore west of Santiago. The board of construction has under consideration a formal proposition for the salvage of both vessels and their delivery at New York or such other ports in the United States as the government might select.

CURRENT EVENTS IN ALABAMA.

Aldrich Files Notice of Contest.

In Montgomery Friday G. B. Deans served a notice of contest on Gaston A. Robbins, the member-elect from the Fourth district to the Fifty-sixth congress.

Coal Miner Killed.

Daniel McCoy, a young white miner in the employ of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad company, was killed in slope No. 5, at Pratt City, by a fall of coal. He was mining at the time, and in some way a large piece of coal became loosened and fell upon him, crushing him to a shapeless mass.

Missionary to Cuba.

Rev. O. P. Speigel, pastor of the First Christian church of Birmingham, has been advised through the secretarp of the foreign mission board of his church that at a meeting of the board held in Cincinnati it was decided to offer him the post of missionary to Havana and surrounding territory.

Plethoric Prosperity.

The iron trade reached its apex of activity Friday in Birmingham when Alabama furnace masters refused to book orders for the export trade. Their refusal was due entirely to the fact that the furnace yards are entirely empty and the furnaces have orders for all they can possibly turn out. Two orders, aggregating 3,000 tons for export, were declined.

One Lesson of the War.

Gov. J. F. Johnston, in an interview Friday, said: "The recent war shows how necessary it is to have a well organized and disciplined body of state troops ready for instant service. The standing army should be supplemented by such a body. I trust all the states will respond to the call of Governor Bloxham, and that a large number of delegates will assemble at Tampa, Fla., on February 8 to consider the reorganization of state militia service."

A Soldier Killed.

Corpl. Wilson, the cook for Company D, Third Alabama, shot and instantly killed Sergt. Charles Evans, of the company at Anniston Friday. The men had a quarrel in the morning, and when Evans appeared late for his share of the dinner Wilson reprimanded him and the trouble was renewed. Evans went to his tent for his gun and when he returned Wilson, who had also procured a Springfield, shot him through the head, killing him instantly.

A Deputy U. S. Marshal in Trouble.

United States Marshal Cooper for the northern district of Alabama, has removed from office Deputy United States Marshal D. R. Burgess, and the latter has been arrested on the charge of having secured money from various parties by false pretenses. The scheme which it is charged he worked was to go to some one and represent that he had a warrant for the party's arrest, usually for illicit distilling or retail liquor dealing, and tell him that he was authorized to compromise the matter. Burgess made bond and was released.

EX-GOV. STONE'S OPINION.

Democratic Party Will Continue to Fight for Free Silver.

Ex-Governor Wm. J. Stone, of Missouri, was in Chicago the past week in consultation with democratic leaders. "It has been stated and persistently reiterated in the face of positive denial, that I had entered into some horrible scheme with Mr. Croker and others to have the next national convention repudiate the Chicago platform and do divers other dreadful things. All such talk is regarded as absurd, which it is. The democratic party of the United States is composed of those who supported Mr. Bryan and who will stand on the platform of the party. There are no other kind of democrats."

Gen. Castillo Dead.

The Cuban brigadier-general, Rogedo Castillo, died Saturday from pneumonia at Guanabacoa.

Gen. Fitzhugh Lee called upon Gen. Castellanos, who, in the course of their conversation, said he had always greatly admired Gen. Robert E. Lee. Gen. Lee and Gen. Castellanos exchanged compliments.

Gen. Lee Governor of Havana Province.

HAVANA.—The United States transport Panama, with Gen. Fitzhugh Lee and his staff on board, entered the harbor Wednesday morning. General Lee was informed by a correspondent of the Associated Press of his appointment as governor of the province of Havana. He said he was much gratified, but had only wished for a military command.

Near Oconee, Ga., Mrs. Joyner killed her sister, Miss Hardeman, an aged lady, last Saturday. Mrs. Joyner has been regarded as being crazy for some time, but she was not thought to be dangerous. She brained her sister with a blunt iron weapon.

Opera House Sold.

A deal was consummated in Birmingham Saturday whereby the O'Brien opera house and hotel property at First avenue and Nineteenth street was acquired from the Whelan estate by A. L. Fulenweider and Henry Badham, both of Birmingham, Mr. Fulenweider being a capitalist and Mr. Badham cashier of the Berney National bank. The Whelan estate was paid $22,000, and mortgages amounting to $37,500 were assumed by the purchasers. The new owners propose to add two stories to the building, now four stories high.

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Sheriff—E. F. Vest.
Terms of Court—Eighth Monday after the Fourth Monday in January and July, continuing three weeks.

CHANCERY COURT.

Chancellor—R. B. Kelly.
Register Chancery—J. R. White.
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COUNTY COURT.

County Judge—A. P. Longshore.
County Clerk—John P. Pearson.
County Solicitor—W. R. Oliver.
Terms of Court—Fourth Mondays in February, May, August and November.
Probate Court—Second Mondays in each month.

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Terms of Court—First Mondays in January, April, June, October, and Second Mondays in May and July.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

Beat 1—B. L. Moore, Columbiana; terms of court every Thursday.
Beat 1, box 2—W. E. Seale, Shelby; terms of court every Wednesday.

WE THANK YOU.

This being the last issue of The Advocate for this year, we desire to express our sincere thanks to our subscribers and advertisers for their liberal patronage, and to our correspondents for their hearty co-operation in our endeavor to make The Advocate the leading paper of our county. We have endeavored to give the news fully, concisely and truthfully, and during the year 1899 we hope to make our paper still more interesting, and trust to have your continued support and help. A merry Christmas and a happy new year do we wish you, and may our Heavenly Father bless you abundantly.

The fight that is now on is a fight for liberty.

If the Democrats could hold all the offices they would never have a constitutional convention.

The Democrats have got to be such rascals that they had to have a primary election law passed.

President McKinley has been accorded a royal welcome by the people of the South in his recent visit to this section.

When a Democrat tells you that they will not disfranchise a single white man, ask him if he ever knew the Democrats to carry out a single promise.

The negroes who sold their votes to the Democratic party last August will have another opportunity to sell themselves and their posterity into abject slavery.

If every plank in the Populist platform should be ingrafted on the new constitution when the convention meets, we will soon have the foremost state in the union.

High tariff and low tariff, gold standard and free silver will have to take back seats in Alabama until after the next constitutional convention shall have done its work.

At the election next July a number of people will cast their last vote, and the negro is not the only one who will suffer in that way. In Mississippi more than half of the white people have been disfranchised.

In the death of General Garcia, the Cuban cause has lost one of it ablest advocates.

The Democrats want to eliminate the negro from politics, but Dallas county will give six to eight thousand majority for the convention just the same. Not withstanding she only has about two thousand white voters in the county.

The Democrat that said to the two negroes that he had more respect for a negro than he did a poor white man, is worth about thirteen cents, but feels like when he is in the western part of the county the eastern part flies up, his weight is so great.

A leading Democrat here in Columbiana told two leading negroes last Friday night that it was not the negro that they wanted to disfranchise, but that it was the poor white man. That they had more respect for the negro than they did the poor white man.

It is the white men in the white counties that the Democrats want to disfranchise. Why do they want to disfranchise the negro? Take the counties that have the largest number of negroes and you will find the strongest Democratic counties. Take the counties that has got scarcely a negro in them and the Populist and Republicans carries them always by a large majority. Watch our prediction, it is the white man as well as the negro that they want to get rid of.

When the negro is eliminated from politics there will be honest elections, and the Government will be better for having them.—Chronicle.

It has not been but a short time since The Chronicle said that there was no fraud in the Alabama elections. Now hear him. He says when the negro is eliminated from politics there will be honest elections in Alabama. There is still something behind the curtains, it is not the negro that they want to eliminate, for they steal thousands of their votes every election to carry it. But they expect to fool a majority of the white people into voting for the convention by making them believe that it will be only the negro that will be disfranchised, knowing at the same time that the poor and illiterate white man will be debared the right to vote just the same as the negro that is in the same circumstances.

Populism Not Dead.

It is funny to read in a Democratic press "Populism is dead," then in the same papers are printed the meeting presided over by leading officers and leading citizens, demanding municipal ownership of all public utilities, such as lights and water and other things the public is interested in, pure populism—yet populism is dead—so say the organs of the gangs.—Colquitt County Courier.

Pointed Paragraphs.

From the Chicago News.

A man who has no enemies has but few friends.

It's useless for a man to study who doesn't think.

The less important a man is the more badges he puts on his coat.

Some men might just as well be insane for all the sense they've got.

It takes more than nine tailors to make a man out of a cigarette dude.

Lots of married men joined the army because they were tired of fighting.

Some men are truthful at all times—except when their wives ask for money.

It's always the last swallow that is responsible for the fully developed jag.

Too great a command of language sometimes lessens a woman's matrimonial chances.

Swift feet get a man out of lots of scrapes that his tongue gets him into.

Only a thick-headed person can successfully pose as a model of self-conceit.

There is usually an invisible motive back of the hand that is extended to help others.

It is said that the western ranch owners are trying to form a cattle trust. The stock will no doubt be watered daily.

How inconsistent some people are. Just a few months ago the Chronicle was persuading the negroes to vote the Democratic ticket, saying the Democrats were the best friends the negro had. Now it comes out boldly against the negro and says he must be disfranchised. And we expect before the campaign is over to see it advise the negro to vote the Democratic ticket in order to get rid of themselves.

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2 cases Turkey Red and English Gray, and Fancy Dress Calicoes, 10 yards for	35
Fancy Dress Outing Flannels at	5
Hickory or Cheviot Shirtings at	5
Brown Drill Canton Flannel at	5
10-4 Brown Shirtings at	12½
All-Wool Filling, double-width, Twilled Cashemeres, or Fancy Figured, per yard	10
Ladies' Hose, per pair	5
Childrens' Hose, all sizes, per pair	5
Ladies' Embroideried Handkerchiefs	5
1 Box Linen Writing Paper and Envelopes	5
2 spools Machine Thread	5
60-inch wide Turkey Red Table Cloth, at	25
Ladies' Corsets, all sizes, at	25
Ladies' double Capes, Collars and Upper Capes, trimmed with Santache fur, at	35
Heavy Melton Capes, trimmed with braid and fur	50
Ladies' Buckelay Black capes	2.00
Ladies' Silk Plush Capes	1.75
Ladies' shoes, Lace or Button, Dongola or Calfskin, bought in a job, sizes 3 to 5, worth from $1.00 to $1.75, your choice at	65

Mens' Imported Black Worsted Suits, worth $10.00 at	$5.50
Mens' heavy half-wool Suits	2.35
Fancy Clay Worsted Suits	3.75
Heavy Wool Overcoats	2.00
All-Wool Pants	1.00
Heavy Buckskin Working shirts	25
Fancy Laundried Overshirts, collars and cuffs attached	25
White Unlaundried Shirts, linen bosom	25
Heavy quality Undershirts	12½
Extra heavy leather trimmed Suspenders	10
Wool hats, real 50-cent quality	25
We have on hand 100 mens' and boys' single Vests, to close at	15
125 heavy half-wool boys knee suits in dark patterns, sizes 4 to 12	50
Childrens' undershirts and drawers, per suit	25
We have the best line of childrens' school shoes from 50 cents up	

GROCERIES.

Good green Coffee, per pound	8
Lions or Leverings Roasted coffee, per pound	10
Y. C. Sugar, 20 pounds for	1.00
Soda, in pound packages, 6 for	25
25 cent bars of soap for	5
Our Big-Deal soap, 1¾ pound bars	5
Good Chewing Tobacco, per pound	8

On Flour, Meat and other heavy groceries we will give you the lowest market prices. We also handle a good line of furniture, bedroom suits, tinware and crockery and the O. K. cook stoves, which are the best FOR DURABILITY.

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Don't be misled, but call and see just what this offer means. You cannot afford to pass it. Hoping to see you soon, we are, yours respectfully,

COLUMBIANA MERCANTILE COMPANY.

Administrator's Notice.

Estate of J. S. Dyke, deceased. } Probate Court.

Letters of Administration on the Estate of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 9 day of November, 1898, by the Hon. A. P. Longshore Judge of the Probate Court of Shelby County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate, are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law, or the same will be barred.

J. R. DYKE,
Administrator of the Estate of J. S. Dyke, deceased.

Estray Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the following described animal was taken up by Van Cross on his premises on or about Nov. 5th, 1898, to-wit: One bay horse, about 12 years old, holds head high, two teeth gone from upper jaw, about 16½ hands high, a small scar on point of left shoulder, and one near top of the right shoulder, left fore foot has a large scar on inner side of leg passing from toe of hoof on innef side up and around under paster joint to onterside of foot, also a scar on outside of same joint, a little hog-backed with a few white hairs on right hip and scar around under right paster joint, weight about 950 pounds, appraised at $25.00. Proceedings had before J. M. Farley, J. P., Bridgeton, Alabama.

A. P. LONGSHORE,
Judge of Probate.

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Administrator's Sale.

Under and by virtue of an order and decree of the Honorable D. R. McMillan, Judge of the Probate court of Shelby County, Alabama, I, J. L. Peters, as administrator of the estate of John T. Cromwell, deceased, will sell at public outcry, to the highest bidder in front of the Court House door, in Columbiana, Alabama, on Monday, the 16th day of January, 1899, at 12 o'clock noon, for cash, the following described real property belonging to said estate, to-wit:

The NE¼ of the NW¼ of section 28, township 20, range 1 west, in Shelby County, Alabama.

J. L. PETERS,
Administrator.

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Have you teeth to fill?

Then don't wait until they ache, thereby saving much pain and expense. It pays to have teeth filled.

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Stop taking medicine to cure this trouble until you have removed the cause. Have your teeth put in good condition and it will do you more good than all the medicine about which anything is known. Then your food will be assimilated, your blood made richer and purer, and you will feel like a new person.

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is complete in every particular. Prescriptions carefully filled day or night. Only the purest drugs that can be had are used and the utmost care and precision are exercised in compounding.

HALL DRUG COMPANY,
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THE PEOPLE'S ADVOCATE

SOCIAL AND LOCAL NEWS.

Points About People You Know and Some You Don't Know. News From Different Beats.

Will Vest visited Montevallo last week.

J. P. Harrell has moved his family to Shelby.

I. P. O. Horton, of beat 8, was in town Tuesday.

Miss Ella Tallant is visiting relatives in Calera.

Henry Farr, of Fourmile, was in the city Tuesday.

Mrs. Sam Lefkovits is visiting relatives in Bessemer.

J. M. Crenshaw, of beat 8, was in the city Tuesday.

R. W. Cobb, of Woodlawn, was in the city Tuesday.

Miss Bessie Robertson was on the sick list last week.

C. L. Meroney, of Montevallo, was in the city Monday.

Capt. J. P. Christian, of Shelby, was in the city Saturday.

Buy Purity starch and no other, sold only by J. H. Hammond.

Mrs. A. W. Strickland visited relatives at Dogwood last week.

George E. Mason spent a short while in Childersburg Monday.

Knit Jackets and Farcinators cheap at Red Store Company.

Remember the entertainment at the school house Friday night.

W. M. Calohan, of Blocton, spent a short while in the city Sunday.

Dr. Givan, of Montevallo, was in the city Monday.

J. P. Pearson spent several days this week at Bridgeton on business.

W. R. A. Milner visited relatives in Anniston several days last week.

Best flavoring extracts, perfumery, toilet soaps, etc., in the city, Columbiana Drug Company.

Prof. F. Mynatt has been having a touch of the grippe for several days.

J. W. Harrell and wife spent Sunday evening with Shelby relatives.

Call on Dr. Lovett and have him insure your property against loss by fire.

Benzine for cleaning clothes, full weight, 10 cents, Columbiana Drug Company.

W. A. Parker, Phillip Erlick and Max Lefkovits spent Sunday on Yellow Leaf.

You can find Watches and Jewelry of all kinds at T. J. Weaver's jewelry shop.

See change of advertisement of the Columbiana Drug Company in another column.

Rev. A. E. Burns filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church Sunday.

Don't forget the supper at the residence of Rev. W. I. Sinnott's next Monday night.

James Mason has moved to his residence on depot street, recently vacated by T. L. Seale.

Full line of Ladies' and Misses spring-heel, Lace or Button Shoes at Red Store Company.

J. W. Moore and family, of Sterrett, passed through the city Tuesday en route to Texas.

If your watches, clocks and jewelry need repairing, take them to T. J. Weaver, the jeweler.

Miss Minnie Woods, of Talladega, is now stenographer for J. R. White, register in chancery.

If you want to get a nice Xmas present for your best friend, go to T. J. Weaver's jewelry shop.

Mr. Levi Longshore returned Monday from Atlanta where he has been for the past three months.

All our Boy's Suits and Boy's Overcoats at actual cost.
Red Store Company.

A nickle saved is a nickle made. Make money by buying your drugs, etc, from the Columbiana Drug Co.

Walter Richardson, of Waxahatchie, has moved to the Jim Mason place near the Southern depot.

The Columbiana Public School dismissed for the holidays Tuesday, and will not take up until January 2.

The Presbyterian church is being recovered. A new coat of paint would add greatly to its appearance.

Mrs. F. W. Gist and children have moved back from Calera and are now occupying the Spencer residence.

Just as we go to press we learn of the death of Mr. J. B. Weaver, who had been sick for some time from a complication of troubles. He will be buried to-day in the cemetery here. A wife and three children survive him, his daughter, Mrs. J. T. Evans, being in Texas at this time.

We Beg You.

This being the closing issue of The Advocate for 1898, we beg you to pay up your subscriptions as a Christmas gift. A paper needs money in order to keep running, and unless our subscribers pay their subscriptions we can not hope to give them the news they would like. If you cannot pay all you owe us, pay us part and we will appreciate your efforts. We do not like to stop a subscribers paper for non-payment of subscriptions, but it costs us something to send you your papar. We therefore beg you again to be prompt in making your payments, as we need the money to enjoy Christmas.

An Old Time Christmas Party.

The following is the program of the entertainment to be given in the College building Friday night, December 23:

Joy to the world—Choir.
Recitation—Alma Strickland.
Merry Christmas—Children.
Recitation—Braddie Browne.
Song—Children.
Recitation—Lily May Liles.
Tableau—Goddess of Liberty.
Recitation—Mary McMillan.
An Old Time Christmas Party.
Recitation—Elna Elliott.
Recitation—Julia Liles.
Song—Children.
Recitation—Omer Burns.
Tableau—A little child's prayer.
Recitation—Margrett Browne.
Watching for Santa Claus.

Another Fire Sunday.

About 8:45 Sunday morning the White House was discovered on fire and the alarm was given quickly, receiving the usual prompt response from our fire department, which includes every male citizen in our town, old enough to work. The fire originated in the walls of a room occupied by Sam Lefkovits, caused, no doubt, from a defective flue. The fire, per se, did not do much damage, but the damage incured from water, the tearing down of plaster and cutting floors, etc., will amount to, perhaps, $150.00, fully covered by insurance.

NOTES ABOUT THE FIRE.

Judge J. T. Leeper, Jr., was busily engaged tieing his shoe, when the reporter reached his room, which was being flooded with water and cut up with axes, but was not too excited to complain from the tooth ache.

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Mr. Gist came down from his room after the fire was out and wanted to know the cause of so much excitement.

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Max Lefkovits was found at the gate trying to ride his trunk. He took it for a "dummy."

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Mayor Thetford was roused up and wanted to find the marshall so he could have the disturber of his pleasant dreams show a good and sufficient reason for doing so.

Attention Teachers.

Your money will be ready on or before pay day, or as fast as your reports are sent in by mail.
Eugene Williams,
Supt. of Education.

Fresh Hops at Columbiana Drug Company.

I. D. Mason spent yesterday in Talladega on business.

Robert McEwen, of Wilsonville, was in the city yesterday.

George Vest, of Belle-Ellen, is visiting relatives in the city.

Cologne from 5 cents a bottle to $3.00 a bottle, Columbiana Drug Company.

Mrs. W. A. Lovett left Monday for Kempsville, being called to the bedside of her father, Mr. T. E. Dennis.

Violin, Guitar, Banjo and Mandolin strings, Columbiana Drug Company.

We have a nice line of Gents slippers suitable for Christmas presents.
Red Store Company.

For Gonorrhea, take our flexible Balsom Capabia and Oleoresin Cubeb capsules, pleasant and non-irritating. Columbiana Drug Co.

Stuarts Gin and Buchee Invigorating Cordial, for all kinds of kidney troubles, irritated bladder, frequent micturition, etc., Columbiana Drug Co.

Miss Mattie Hand who has been the guest of Mrs. B. L. Moore, returned to her home at Jemison last Saturday.

In another column will be found the advertisement of Solomon & Levi of Birmingham. When you need anything in their line don't fail to see them.

Misses Essie Mason, Pattie Mason, Anna Milner and Edna Nelson arrived home from the Tuscaloosa Female College to-day, and will remain through the holidays.

One cannot handle a smutty pot long without getting smutty or receiving a reflection from its dark color. Hold yourself above suspicion by touching not the unclean thing.

A Card.

Thanking my host of friends for their liberal patronage and hoping to merit it in the future, and also wishing for them a merry Christmas and a happy new year. I am still yours to serve you for the cash.
J. H. Hammond,
Cash Grocer at Lowest Figures.

Vincent.

Miss Floy Montgomery, our popular milliner, went over to Birmingham Sunday to spend the day with relatives, and reported a fine time.

Miss Minnie Pelham will leave Saturday for St. Stephens, Ala., to visit her parents through the holidays. Miss Minnie will be missed very much by the young people.

W. H. Kidd is on the sick list this week.

Another wedding! Mr. John Moore and Miss Atta Gasaway were married Sunday by Rev. E. A. Kidd. Who will be the next to "hop the conjugal twig"?

Supt. Eugene Williams will leave for Lexington, Miss., next Thursday for a weeks visit to friends and relatives and review the scenes of his childhood days. We wish him a pleasant trip.

G. C. Pitts visited the Magic city this week—went over to buy that girl a present.

Our agent, Mr. Tucker, has his parents visiting him this week.

A merry Xmas to all.
Quid Nunc.

Wilsonville Items.

Charlie Bolin returned from a sojourn in Atlanta Saturday.

J. F. Pope returned from Atlanta Friday where he has been for the last three days buying Xmas goods.

J. C. Jackson is all smiles now, its a girl.

The Hon. Speine Kytle attended the yap party at Mr. J. H. Weldon's Friday night.

John Gwin, of the Coosa River Shingle Co., was on the streets Sunday.

There is a new store nearing completion in town, and it is reported that a Jew will put in a stock of goods here soon.

Frank Irwin, of the Rome Hardware Co., was in the city Sunday.

Pierce Jackson is suffering with rheumatism caused from going barefooted while having his shoes fixed.

J. L. Ray went to Anniston Friday on business.

Capt. John W. Bolin and his little son John, returned from Atlanta Saturday.

W. H. Nimmo is out collecting for Sam Shaw this week.

A. G. Weldon, of Demopolis, came up to see his wife and children Sunday.

Speine Kytle visited the parson's Sunday. Another wedding I suppose.

Lon Smith, the genial hobo, is talking of going to New York or committ suicide one, he don't know which.

John Brown, Jr., is complaining of sore feet, caused from tramping from the City of Mexico to Wilsonville.

There was a yap party at the residence of Mr. J. H. Weldon's last Friday night, which was a howling success.

Mr. Will McEwen and Miss Mary Armstrong carried off the prizes which was a fine comb and thank yer bag.

The dance at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mooney's last Friday night was a success in every way. It created quite a sensation among the old people and gave the parson something to say.
Nit and Not.

Spring Junction.

Our farmers are about through sowing wheat and oats, and are now preparing for Christmas holidays.

Rev. Mr. Davis filled his regular appointment at Hope Well last Sunday, and delivered an interesting sermon to a good congregation.

Miss Emma Phillips has returned from an extended visit to relatives at Greensboro, much to the delight of her many friends.

H. M. Abercrombie was the happy guest of Miss Birdie Mitchell last Sunday.

Chas. Jones, of near Longview, spent Saturday night at J. T. Holcomb's on his way to Talladega to spend a few days with relatives.

C. C. Ray was the guest of Miss Minnie Holcomb last Sunday.

Edward Mitchell and mother visited relatives at Mumford and Anniston several days last week.

J. T. Holcomb visited relatives in the Corinth vicinity last Sunday.

P. H. Hardaman has moved to this place from Montevallo.

Wiley Horton and wife, of near Columbiana, visited relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. Straiton, of Greensboro, is visiting relatives at this place.
Colonel.

BUSIER AND BUSIER.

A Magnificent and Tremendous Stock of Boy's, Youths and Mens' Clothing Just Received From the Largest Manufactures of New York City, Will be Now Sold at Manufacturing Cost.

NOW IS YOUR CHANCE EVERY SALE A BARGAIN SALE.

Our Special Sale brought in a great many people. They all agree that our prices can not be duplicated. We promise to protect the interest of our customers by providing the best goods, the newest and the finest goods. From the fact that every one trading with us gets a square deal or nothing. We tell just exactly what you are buying, or in other words we sell truthful goods, that is the whole story. "Honesty is the best policy." We try to make an honest profit, and a little as possible, so that the buyer may come back to us. This we have shown the people since our 8 years stay here.

Just Compare These Invincible Prices:

Augusta, Ga., best yard wide sheeting, extra heavy, at 4 cents.
Extra heavy 5 cent cotton checks, now 3 cents.
Beautiful patterns 8 cents, Rescue Plaids now a yard 5 cents.
10 balls, No. 1 thread; full weight, for 5 cents.
An elegant line of Sateens, just arrived, from Rhode Island Mills, beautiful patters, lovely Designs and Brocaded, reap this great value at 6 cents.
Stylish colors, Ducking Dress Patterns, fast colors, guaranteed the Best Value, regular 10 cents, now 6 1-2 cents.
Just for this season, extra heavy, wide ouring, 5 1-2 cents.
Kings Best Machine Thread, 200 yards on a spool, 2 cents.
Another big lot of Woolen Breadfast shawls, 10 cents.
Solid colors sateens, Blue, Black and Brown, it can not be beat for the price, now 5 cents.
Bundle of Duck, known all over the State as 90 cents, only 70 cents.

Solid Ladies Polka Shoes, come and get it at 69 cents.
Solid Glove grain button or lace, Ladies Shoes now at 94 cents.

CONSIDER THESE BARGAINS IN CLOTHING:

Boys' coat well made, now 60 cents.
Boys' suits, well finished, sizes 4 to 14, for 85 cents.
Youth's suits, coat, vest and pants, elegantly made, a good fit, a strong Woolen Cheviot $1.55.
Youth's pants, all wool, tailor made, 60 cents.
Men's solid black woolen pants, all sizes, a tremendous line at cost now, 75 cents.
Men's all wool, dark brown suits, good finished, this can not be duplicated, at $2.75.
Men's suits, good made, fit nicely, especially for the price, now sold at $1.75.
Solid Black Worsted Suits at $3.75.

Quality, Quantity and Prices each defy competition. Others may deal out disjointed chat about their goods, but the open honor truth can not be capped or handicapped. The truth about our prices is that, they are so crushed that they can not rise again.

We expect you, part your continued patronage. Just as long as you find that we give you more and treat you better than any other dealer.

Accept our friendly invitation and come by the well beaten path that leads to our store. Courteous welcome, amiable clerks, friendly treatment, finest merchandise and Lowest Prices.

COME.

S. STARK, Shelby, Alabama.

Redlawn News.

Health good with few exceptions.

W. N. Miner has got a fine lot of Christmas goods. Call and see them.

Thomas Miner, of near Pelham, visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Lola Strickland is spending the week with Miss Louella Lyon.

J. Baggit was at Redlawn Sunday.

J. W. Spearman was the guest of Miss Eva Farr Sunday.

W. A. Walton passed through Redlawn Sunday on his way to Mr. Hadaways, we suppose.

The social at J. M. Lyon's, given by E. B. Teague last Thursday night, was greatly enjoyed by the young people.

E. B. Lyon was the guest of Miss Willie Hill Sunday evening.

W. J. Miner attended service at Little Hope Sunday.

C. W. Spearman keeps the road hot going to Harpersville. We wish him success.

E. Perry was married to Miss Zular Richard Wednesday night, and also Cary Farr to Miss Mattie Hatkins. Both of the young ladies lived in the Kingdom.

J. N. Lyon still comes to Redlawn.

Miss Alma Farr was the guest of Miss Oma Miner Sunday.

W. N. Miner went to Columbiana Saturday on business.

Now boys Christmas holidays are here, and be careful how you conduct yourselves.
Ned.

Bankrupt Stock of Shoes

To be sold at manufacturers prices for the cash. These shoes include men, women and boys sizes only. Don't miss these bargains, come at once and get a pair.
J. H. Hammond.

Wanted.

Four hundred dollars state script. Apply at this office.

A man doesn't necessarily have to wait until he is 40 to become a fool or a physician.

Epsom Salts 8 cts per lb. at Columbiana Drug Co.

Weldon.

J. W. Hester, of Columbiana, spent Sunday night with his mother, Mrs. N. S. Hester.

L. C. Moore, of Sterrett, was in our town Sunday.

J. M. Spearman went to Birmingham on business last week.

J. T. Bozeman and Will Spearman went to Birmingham last week.

D. W. Sharbutt went to Sterrett Thursday on business.

Tartin Eubanks was married to Miss Minnie Thrasher last week. We wish the happy couple much joy and happiness.

The entertainment at Miss Lottie Nelson's Wednesday night was enjoyed by all who attended.

J. A. Cowart and family have moved to Coosa Valley.

M. L. Sharbutt spent Sunday evening with Berry Spearman.

Miss Sarah Lybrand is visiting relatives and friends in Wilsonville this week.

Miss Luna Sharbutt was the guest of Miss Mattie Hester Sunday.

I think there will be a wedding soon. How about it Miss M?

I wish you all all a merry Xmas.
Wild Bill.

Items from Union.

People are getting ready for Christmas.

Married at the residence of Mrs. Sullivan last Sunday, Mr. Tartin Eubanks to Miss Minnie Trasher, B. C. Hughes officiating.

Miss Mattie Henderson, of Yellow Leaf, was in our community a few days last week.

Ben White, of Coosa county, has moved to Weldon.

Mr. White and wife, of Weldon, spent Saturday night and Sunday with B. C. Hughes and family.

Walter and George Wheeler were in our town this week. Come again boys.

J. W. Moore, of Sterrett, passed through our town Monday on his way to Texas.

J. T. Bozeman and family will leave for Montgomery this week, their future home.

Andrew Jackson, of Liberty, has moved to Weldon.

Joe Mattox will move to Mrs. Nancy Hester's place this week.
Buffalo Bill.

Spring Creek.

Health very good.

Crops are gathered.

Wheat sowing yet in progress.

Lige Pinson has moved to Shelby.

Shelby is well supplied with literary schools, three white and one colored.

J. W. Carden has moved to Shelby to accept a job on the section under Mr. Burton.

Mr. Witherby, cashier and assistant secretary of the Shelby Iron Works, went a few days ago to Boston, Mass., to have an operation performed, and on yesterday Mrs. Witherby was telegraphed for. We fear that he is critically ill.

Ward Busby has moved to Shelby, and also W. H. Crafford.

J. Davis was summoned as a witness in United States court at Montgomery a few days ago.

Some of our neighbors sold cotton in Sylacauga last week at 5-25.

The call for a constitutional convention to disfranchise the poor illiterate white and black man, and a bill now pending to legalize a whipping post means something larger than mere specks before our eyes.

A merry Christmas to all the correspondents and readers of The Advocate.
Peark.

Locust Creek.

Our cowboys went to the Magic City last week.

Say Mr. Gates, the next time you go to the Madison hotel please do not take the table napkin off with you.

Will Fleming, of Creswell, was in our community Saturday and Sunday.

W. E. Kirkland went to Childersburg last week on business.

Last Tuesday morning about 10 o'clock fire was discovered on the roof of the Harpersville school house, and by the heroic efforts, but very little damage was done.

Christmas will soon be here, and when it is over let every correspondent in the county give a good local and make The Advocate the leader of Shelby for general news next year, and hope it will visit every home in Shelby new year.

W. A. Wheat went to Wilsonville Wednesday on business.

We wish you all a merry Christmas.
Norman

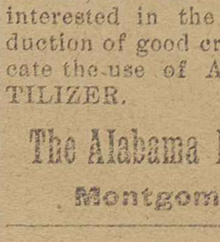
The Alabama Fertilizer

Is said, by over 12,000 farmers in this State, to be the best all around fertilizer for cotton and corn.

It is the oldest brand now sold in Alabama, and is just the same as it always has been. Every one of the 48 premiums given during a series of years through the Commercial and Industrial Association for the greatest yield of cotton and corn on a specified area of land, was awarded to farmers who used exclusively the ALABAMA FERTILIZER. The only objection ever raised to the ALABAMA FERTILIZER was that it costs too much.

The present price is no more than that of standard fertilizers. When requested, the ALABAMA FERTILIZER will be put up, without extra cost, in bags treated by the MUMMIA VEGETABLE FIBRE PRESERVING PROCESS, thereby insuring the perfect preservation of the bags for an indefinite time, and saving the contents from loss by waste in transit and handling. These preserved bags when emptied and thoroughly washed will be found as good and strong as new, and equally useful for other purposes. Every person, farmer, mercant or dealer vitally interested in the economical production of good crops should advocate the use of ALABAMA FERTILIZER.

The Alabama Fertilizer Co.
Montgomery, Ala.



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CREEDS IN THE NEW ISLANDS.

One of the consequences of the victory of the United States over Spain, and one which is looked upon in many quarters as the most important, is the dawn of religious freedom in countries where that blessing was unknown in the days of Spain's power. In Cuba, Porto Rico and in the Philippine islands the Roman Catholic church has been the only one recognized by the several governments. Although a few Protestant missions have been started, they could not flourish, and to be a citizen it was necessary to be a contributor to the Romish church. Church societies of many kinds flourished and were supported by the communities.

In the Philippines there are about 525,000 pagans among the native islanders, according to a compilation made by Benjamin C. Sheldon, but all the rest of the native population, excepting 300,000 Mahometans, are Roman Catholics. The "non-natives," consisting of Spanish, Spanish-Mestizos, Chinese, Chinese-Mestizos and other nationalities, are Roman Catholics and Buddhists. The secular clergy in 1896 included 967,204 souls, and besides these there were 213,065 Jesuits and 699,851 Dominicans.

In Hawaii, where the Ten Commandments were adopted as laws in 1825, missions of the various Christian churches have flourished for many years.

The Americans who are interested in mission work believe that nearly all the religious denominations which now exist in the United States will soon be represented in the newly acquired islands, and that where there are now only Roman Catholics, Pagans, Mahometans and Buddhists, the list may grow to include all Christian denominations. In the United States, where the utmost freedom regarding religious belief prevails, the last census shows the following membership of the various religious bodies:

Roman Catholic, 6,257,871; Methodist, 4,589,284; Baptists, 3,762,729; Presbyterian, 1,278,332; Lutheran, 1,231,072; Christian, 744,773; Protestant Episcopal, 540,509; Congregational, 512,771; Reformed, 309,458; Mormon, 250,000; United Brethren, 725,158; German Evangelical, 187,432; Latter-Day Saints, 166,125; Evangelical Association, 133,313; Jews, 320,000; Friends, 107,208; Dunkards, 73,795; Unitarian, 67,749; Adventist, 60,491; Universalist, 49,194; Mennonite, 41, 541.—New York Tribune.

Philadelphia is agitating for a 30-foot channel out to the sea.

RELIEF FROM PAIN.

Women Everywhere Express their Gratitude to Mrs. Pinkham.

Mrs. T. A. WALDEN, Gibson, Ga., writes:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—Before taking your medicine, life was a burden to me. I never saw a well day. At my monthly period I suffered untold misery, and a great deal of the time I was troubled with a severe pain in my side. Before finishing the first bottle of your Vegetable Compound I could tell it was doing me good. I continued its use, also used the Liver Pills and Sanative Wash, and have been greatly helped. I would like to have you use my letter for the benefit of others."

Mrs. FLORENCE A. WOLFE, 515 Mulberry St., Lancaster, Ohio, writes:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—For two years I was troubled with what the local physicians told me was inflammation of the womb. Every month I suffered terribly. I had taken enough medicine from the doctors to cure anyone, but obtained relief for a short time only. At last I concluded to write to you in regard to my case, and can say that by following your advice I am now pefectly well."

Mrs. W. R. BATES, Mansfield, La., writes:

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CZAR'S DISARMAMENT PLAN

Success of the Movement Depends Upon Action of America.

PEOPLE CAN PREVENT FATAL CATASTROPHE

The Well Meant Endeavor Will Fail Unless the People Who Detest Militarism Act With Those Who Groan Under Its Burden.

William T. Stead, writing to the Associated Press, says:

"I have seen the czar. I have heard from his own lips the earnest desire of his heart that something practical should be done, and that quickly, to enlist in the services of humanity the millions now devoted to preparations for war. He has taken the initiative in summoning the conference. He is prepared to give earnest evidence of his sincerity by arresting the future increases of the Russian armaments. But, unless he is supported by the peoples who detest the militarism as well as by those who groan under its burdens, his well meant endeavor will fail.

"The people can, if they will, prevent so fatal a catastrophe. As the greatest and latest world's powers they can, if they choose, save this supreme opportunity of the century from being sacrificed by the skeptical apathy of the other governments. But to do this it will be necessary to act, and to act at once.

"What is hoped those friends of peace and enemies of militarism who turn their eager eyes to the great republic of the new world is that between now and the end of January the citizens of the United States will by public demonstrations, formal resolutions and by every other action whereby a democratic people gives expression to its convictions and its aspirations have manifested to the world their determination to help the czar to put this thing through."

THE PRESIDENT IN SAVANNAH.

Ten Thousand Troops Reviewed by President McKinley and His Cabinet.

The reception of President McKinley and the members of his cabinet by the people of Savannah Saturday more than equalled in hospitality and completeness of arrangement any previous experiences which have marked the presidential trip through the south. The party arrived from Montgomery at 11 a. m., reviewed 10,000 troops stationed around Savannah, went down the Savannah river and was entertained in the evening at a grand banquet given by the chamber of commerce and association of citizens. The enthusiasm of the Savannah people and of the 15,000 persons who it is estimated had come into the city from the surrounding country to greet the president was fully equal to the remarkable demonstrations which have distinguished the trip to other cities.

BRYAN REITERATES OPPOSITION

To Expansion and Says Silver Will Be the Main Issue in 1900.

The New York World says: William J. Bryan is in town. He was found last night (Saturday) at the Bartholdi hotel. Colonel Bryan declared himself an uncompromising opponent of the McKinley policy of expansion. He said: "It is too early at this time to discuss party policies for the presidential election of 1900, but I think the issues then will be free silver, anti-expansion, anti-imperialism and the rights of labor. I have already expressed myself against imperialism and territorial expansion. Do I think free silver will be an issue in 1900? Certainly it will be the main question. How about the labor problem? I am not prepared to answer that question."

Found Ceasar Turned to Clay.

Excavation around the base of a column discovered in the Roman forum last week, marking the spot where the body of Julius Caesar was cremated, has resulted in a new discovery. Saturday a heap of ashes, carefully covered over with bricks, was unearthed. The ashes are considered to be without doubt the remains of the funeral pyre to mark which the column was reared.

THE PEACE TREATY

Will Be Submitted to the Senate During the Present Session.

The president will submit the peace treaty to the senate during the present session; that much has been definitely determined upon. The text is still lacking in Washington, and as the commissioners have not thought proper to entrust the document to the mails, it will not reach Washington before next Saturday. Although desirous of placing it before the senate at the earliest opportunity, the president will not be able to do so for a week after its receipt for the reason that congress will then be in holiday recess. Meanwhile, the treaty will not be given to the public.

Calvin S. Brice Dead.

Former United States Senator Calvin S. Brice died last Thursday at his residence in New York of pneumonia. He contracted a severe cold a week ago. On Friday he took to his bed and on Monday morning his physician said that pneumonia had developed. Everything known to medical science was done for him, but he grew steadily worse. Mr. Brice was delirious for twenty-four hours before his death. Mr. Brice served six years in the senate from Ohio, being succeeded by J. B. Foraker.

Peace Commissioners Have Sailed.

To the interviewers who besieged the American peace commissioners at Southampton, England, before they sailed for New York en board the American line steamer St. Louis, the commissioners said they could not discuss the terms of the treaty of peace with Spain. Judge Day said the treaty of peace would probably be delivered to President McKinley on December 24.

SLAVES IN ANCIENT GREECE.

Alexander Sold All the Inhabitants of Thebes into Slavery.

In the second installment of Prof. Benjamin Ide Wheeler's "Life of Alexander the Great," in the Century, Professor Wheeler writes of Alexander's efforts in subduing the rebellion that followed the assassination of Philip. Professor Wheeler says:

At last, after much long suffering, the strong hand of the Macedonian power, contrary to all its purposes and policy, had laid itself with violence upon one of the great Greek cities. Once and again it had forgiven, but Thebes had transgressed the bounds of endurance and could expect no mercy. She obtained none. The city was razed to the ground, only the house of Pindar being spared; the territory was distributed among the allies, and the inhabitants who survived, some thirty thousand in number, excepting only the priest and the priestess, the descendants of Pindar, and the guests, friends of Philip and Alexander, were sold into slavery, making a slave market so vast that, as we hear, the standard price of slaves in the market of the Aegean was seriously depressed in consequence.

The ordinary price for a slave was from twenty to thirty-five dollars. Abundant supply kept the price low. Society was built on slavery. Slaves, or, as in Sparta and Crete, serfs attached to the soil, were the farm laborers; in manufactories they took the place of machinery; they were a form of investment, being often rented out in gangs, as for work in the mines; large numbers were used, too, for domestic service, seven being an average number for an ordinary house. Corinth is said to have had 460,000 slaves. Aagina 470,000, and a census of the year 309 B. C. showed 400,000 in Attica. These figures have sometimes been doubted, but other known facts go to confirm them. Most of the slaves apparently came from outside Greece, as from Lydia, Syria, Bithynia, Thrace, and Illyria, but there were also among them Italians, Egyptians, and Jews. The supply from outside was maintained by the slave-traders, who obtained them either in barter or by robbery along the coasts of Aegean and the Euxine. The slave-market was a feature of every city agora, and especially of the temple fairs. Captives in war were, like the rest of the booty, treated as merchandise. They were disposed of chiefly by professional traders and sold mostly abroad. Thus men of culture and education often appeared in the condition of slaves. Employed as teachers, readers, secretaries, musicians, they often served the purpose of spreading the knowledge of art, manners, and life among other peoples, and aided in mixing the soils and forwarding the interests of cosmopolitanism.

The French Cyclist's Costume.

French roads are broad, long, white and glaring—the sun of France is hot—yet every man attires himself by preference in a black jersey. This may be done from motives of economy, but the result is that, while the British cyclist varies from dusty to grubby, his French rival never fails in grubbiness and often attains to positive dirtiness. The knickerbockers worn are calculated to enhance this impression. They bag shapelessly down to the middle of the calf. In the stockings the irrepressible passion for tartans, which affects all French people, breaks out in checks of the most startling pattern. Occasionally a recrudescence of the same exhibits itself on the back of the jersey.

A further note of color is sometimes introduced by a large, loose garter, worn like an African's anklet a little way above the top of the boot. The headgear varies, but that most affected is a large beret, worn hanging over one ear, which makes the whole appearance recall vividly M. Rostand's "Cadets de Gascogne." As the cyclists slouch in toward the tables in troops one is irresistibly reminded of Cyrano's disorderly companions. There is, however, no rash daring, no gasconade about your Gallic rider. Few machines in France have brakes, which at first sight gives one a high opinion of their riders' temerity; but after some days I began to notice that a Frenchman on a hill was always walking—whether down or up.—Pall Mall Gazette.

The Empire of Barotse.

There now remains only one people and one little valley south of the equator whose sovereignty has not been claimed by some European power. It is the Valley of Barotse, fifty or sixty miles wide, north of Lialui, in South Africa. And the only reason why the Morotse, who inhabit it, have preserved their independence is that England and Portugal both claim it, and therefore the work of "civilization" is at a standstill.

It may not be so easy to conquer the Marotse when the time comes, for they are a tall, well-set-up race, very black in skin. In manners they are courteous and in bearing dignified. Every full-blooded Marotse is by birthright a chief, and takes his place in the aristocracy of the empire. The bare fact that he is a Marotse insures the respect of the subservient tribes, and as he grows to manhood a sense of superiority usually implants in the native the dignity of self-respect.

Bismarck's Grievances.

It appears that Bismarck died with more than one great grievance. Perhaps the greatest was that he did not demand 10,000,000,000 francs indemnity from France instead of 5,000,000,000. One who knew him says: "He thought 5,000,000,000 francs would bleed poor France to death, and when they were so promptly paid he metaphorically kicked himself all over Europe. He felt that he had been outwitted, and the feeling made him exceedingly sensitive on the subject."—New York Press.

At three of the large London railway stations—Charing Cross, Cannon Street, and London Bridge—more than 33,000 movements for signal and point levers have to be made every twenty-four hours, quite apart from the telegraphic operations.

THE KHALIFA.

The Life and Characteristics of the Fugitive Dervish Chief.

Abdullah et Taishi Khalifa, whose power has been broken by the British forces under General Sir Herbert Kitchener, was the most powerful and successful of the three Khalifas of the three leading Arab tribes, that in 1882 helped the Mahdi to overthrow the government of Egypt in the eastern Soudan and establish the Mahdist despotism in its place. Each of these Khalifas commanded a distinct section of the Mahdi's army, and Abdullah's force had most to do with the annihilation of General Hicks and his army. Abdullah was the favorite of his master. The Mahdi believed that if he died Abdullah was the only man who could maintain the strange empire he had raised and keep the upper hand of the rapacious Soudanese tribes. Before his death the Mahdi nominated the Khalifa Abdullah as his successor, and thus the cruel and tyrannical Arab tribe of the Bagaras, whose leader was Abdullah, became the masters of the Egyptian Soudan and ruled it with a rod of iron. The Mahdi died on June 22, 1885, after three years of power, and Abdullah has since been known as "the Mahdi's successor." There was intense jealousy and disappointment on the part of the Danagla and Jaalin tribes, who had been the rulers, but now became the ruled. Civil war on account of Abdullah's accession was narrowly averted, but he was too strong for his enemies in the other tribes, and they finally chose the part of discretion just when all had been made ready for battle. The new ruler then made it his business to render the other tribes harmless. He reduced the power of the two other Khalifas, and they became men of little influence. He sent many of the Jaalin and Danagla Emirs in chains hundreds of miles up the Nile, and he permitted his Baggara to plunder the other tribes without mercy, under the pretext of levying taxes. There has been only one ruler of the Soudan for the past thirteen years, and he has been the Khalifa Abdullah. He maintained his policy of cruelly repressing all the people except his own tribe, until he was frightened very badly by the news that England and Egypt were getting ready to invade the country and overthrow his power. After that news reached Omdurman he made a great show of reversing his policy. He pardoned the imprisoned Emirs and tried in many ways to win back the disaffected people. The Khalifa's empire, within which not a particle of European influence has permeated since the Mahdi captured Khartoum, extends along the Nile from Dongola on the north to the neighborhood of Lado on the south, a distance of about thirteen hundred miles. Omdurman, the capital, just across the Nile from the ruins of Khartoum, is about midway between these points. The Khalifa lost Darfur, but still his empire extends from the western limits of Kordofan to Abyssinia on the east, and embraces about 700,000 square miles. During the thirteen years he has controlled the destinies of the Egyptian Soudan it is estimated that nearly three-fifths of its inhabitants have perished through war and famine. Constant warfare has greatly diminished the male population.

KEENE TURNED THE TABLES.

Several Wall street men, Mr. James R. Keene among them, combined some time ago to get control of the stock of the tobacco trust.

Their understanding was that none of them was to sell any of the stock until it had reached its highest possible figure, and then all were to sell at the same time.

Ten days ago Keene discovered that this agreement was not being lived up to by some of his colleagues. They were beginning to sell on the quiet, it is said, as soon as the stock reached

JAS. R. KEENE.

154¾. As soon as Mr. Keene discovered this he gave orders for the sale of his own holdings and before the other members of the clique were aware of what was happening Keene had made $1,500,000.

By that time the tobacco trust's stock was down to 115½, having declined 39¼ points.

Useful New Hats.

Most of the girls look very neat in those new style campaign hats. They ought to be a popular theater hat. They are the kind that can be taken off without mussing the hair. Rain won't spoil them and later the felt, if washed, will become useful to filter water through.

Hebrews Have No Rights in Spain.

In Spain Hebrews are not permitted to erect and maintain houses of worship. They have no civil rights and exist in the kingdom only as aliens.

Ernest Van Dyck, the grand opera singer, began life as a newspaper man.

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The farmers of Morrow county, Oregon, whose wheat ripened late, were forced to the use of flails, as the threshers refused to handle it because the late wheat is so tough it breaks the machines.

Every member of the old Portland, Ore., law firm, Mitchell, Dolph & Simons, has been elected to the United States senate. Mr. Mitchell is retired, Mr. Dolph is dead, and Mr. Simons was elected last month.

A unique will, just published in Washington, Pa., is that of Jerome Plummer. His entire estate, valued at $75,000, after the death of his wife, is to be sold and the income used exclusively for the cause of temperance in Washington county.

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A Boston fruit company is making an effort to revive the decayed banana industry of Cuba. It has just purchased a large quantity of the trees in Jamaica, which will be planted in the "new possessions."

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Lord Ilchester has 11,000 swans upon his estate at Abbotsburg, a charming little village a few miles from Weymouth, England. The cost of caring for the swans averages over £2,000 per year.

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A young Frenchman named Constantin is now being exhibited in Paris. He is just eight feet tall and is well proportioned, though his knees are rather weak. The giant is but 19 years old.

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President Faure doffed his clothes, "spats" and all, the other day, dressed himself in miners' rig and visited the coal mines at Lens. The miners gave him an enthusiastic reception.

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Senator Platt, of New York, has an enormous stock of good conundrums, which he apparently originates himself, as they all seem to be new. The senator is a natural born joker.

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I can recommend Piso's Cure for Consumption to sufferers from Asthma.—E. D. TOWNSEND, Ft. Howard, Wis., May 4, 1894.

John D. Rockefeller, despite his millions, carries a plain, cheap silver watch, given him when he was a boy.

Buy the Rat.

A friend of the late Secretary Bayard writes: I was much amused at Mr. Bayard's recital of an incident some years before in which he and William R. Travers were actors. He said the rats had become such a nuisance in his house at Wilmington and were so aggressive that he went to New York in search of a terrier, and applied to Travers for information as to where he could find an establishment provided with such animals. Travers took him to a rat pit, whose proprietor was a celebrated sporting character, and Bayard stated the purpose of his visit, and that he must see the dog tried before he would purchase him. The man brought out a beautiful little terrier, and after putting him in the pit, pitched a fierce, gray-whiskered rat into the arena also. The adversaries confronted each other for an instant like two gladiators in ancient Rome, when suddenly the dog took to flight, pursued by the rat. "Buy the rat, Tom," shouted Travers; "buy the rat!"

The Sawfish.

More energetic than any other sharks are the sawfish, whose snouts are prolonged into a broad blade of cartilage, which is horizontal when the fish is swimming in a normal position, and has both its edges set with slightly curved teeth about an inch apart. The end of this formidable looking weapon is blunt and comparatively soft, so that it is quite incapable of the feats popularly attributed to it of piercing whales' bodies, ships' timbers, etc. It attacks other fish by a swift lateral thrust of the saw beneath them, the keen edge disemboweling them. Then it feeds upon the soft entrails, which are apparently the only food it can eat from the peculiar shape of its mouth. It has an enormous number of small teeth, sometimes fifty rows in one individual, but they are evidently unfit for the rough duties required of their teeth by the garbage-eating members of the family.

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